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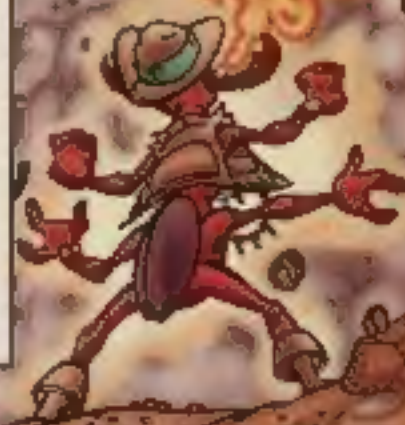
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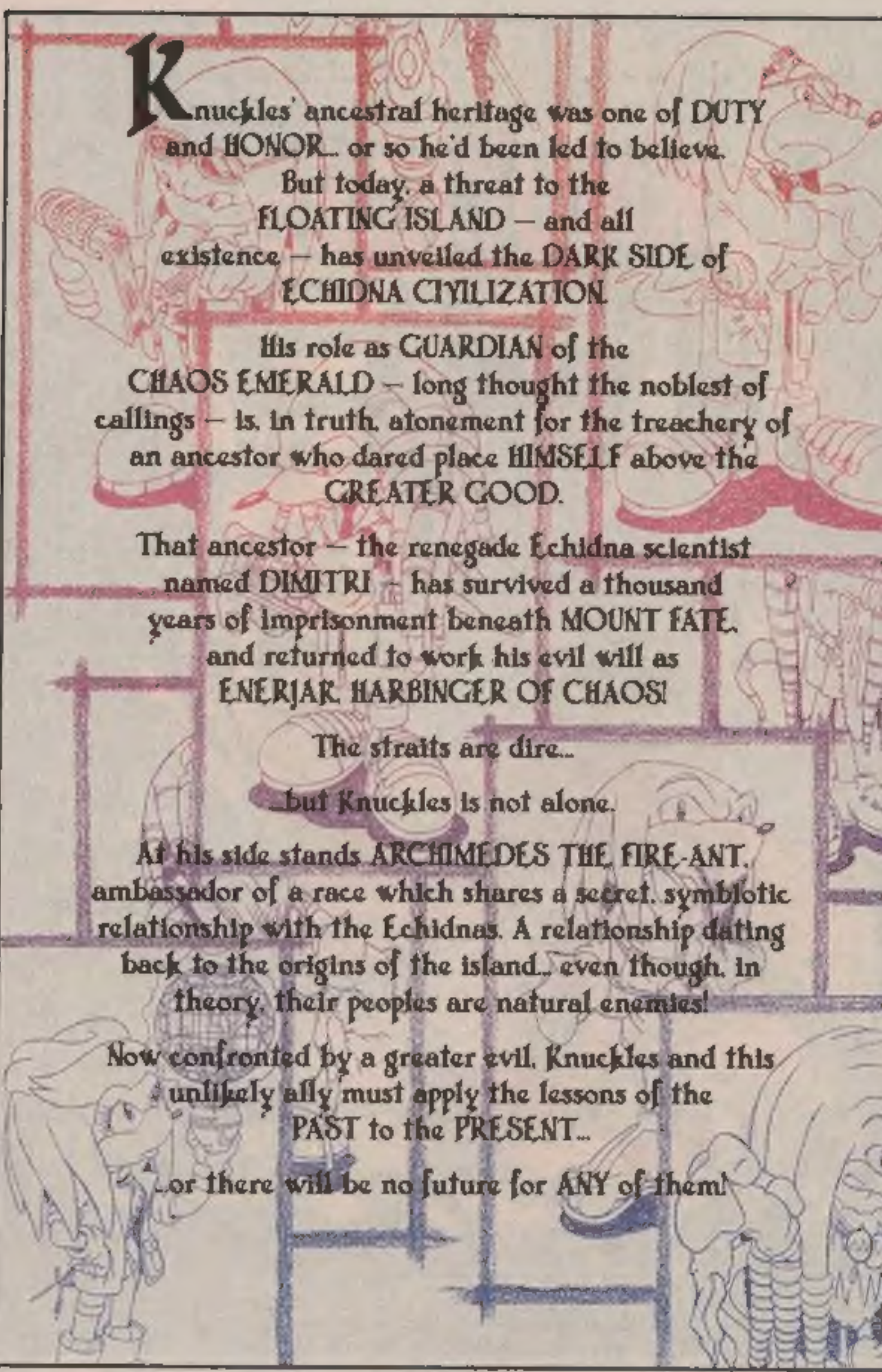
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**...AND THE ECHIDNA'S RELUCTANT
TRAVELLING COMPANION, ARCHIMEDES...**



**...AS THEY
CONFRONT
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FROM THE
FLOATING
ISLAND'S
PAST--THE
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SCIENTIST CALLED
ENERJAK!**

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His role as GUARDIAN of the CHAOS EMERALD — long thought the noblest of callings — is, in truth, atonement for the treachery of an ancestor who dared place HIMSELF above the GREATER GOOD.

That ancestor — the renegade Echidna scientist named DIMITRI — has survived a thousand years of imprisonment beneath MOUNT FATE, and returned to work his evil will as ENERJAK, HARBINGER OF CHAOS!

The straits are dire...

...but Knuckles is not alone.

At his side stands ARCHIMEDES THE FIRE-ANT, ambassador of a race which shares a secret, symbiotic relationship with the Echidnas. A relationship dating back to the origins of the island... even though, in theory, their peoples are natural enemies!

Now confronted by a greater evil, Knuckles and this unlikely ally must apply the lessons of the PAST to the PRESENT...

...or there will be no future for ANY of them!



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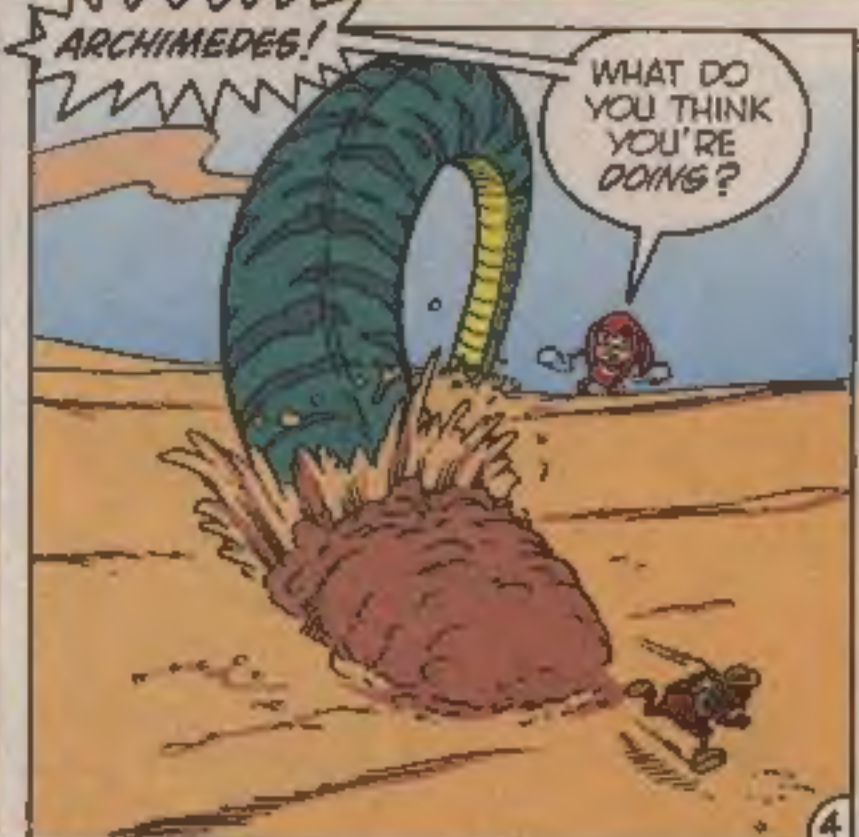
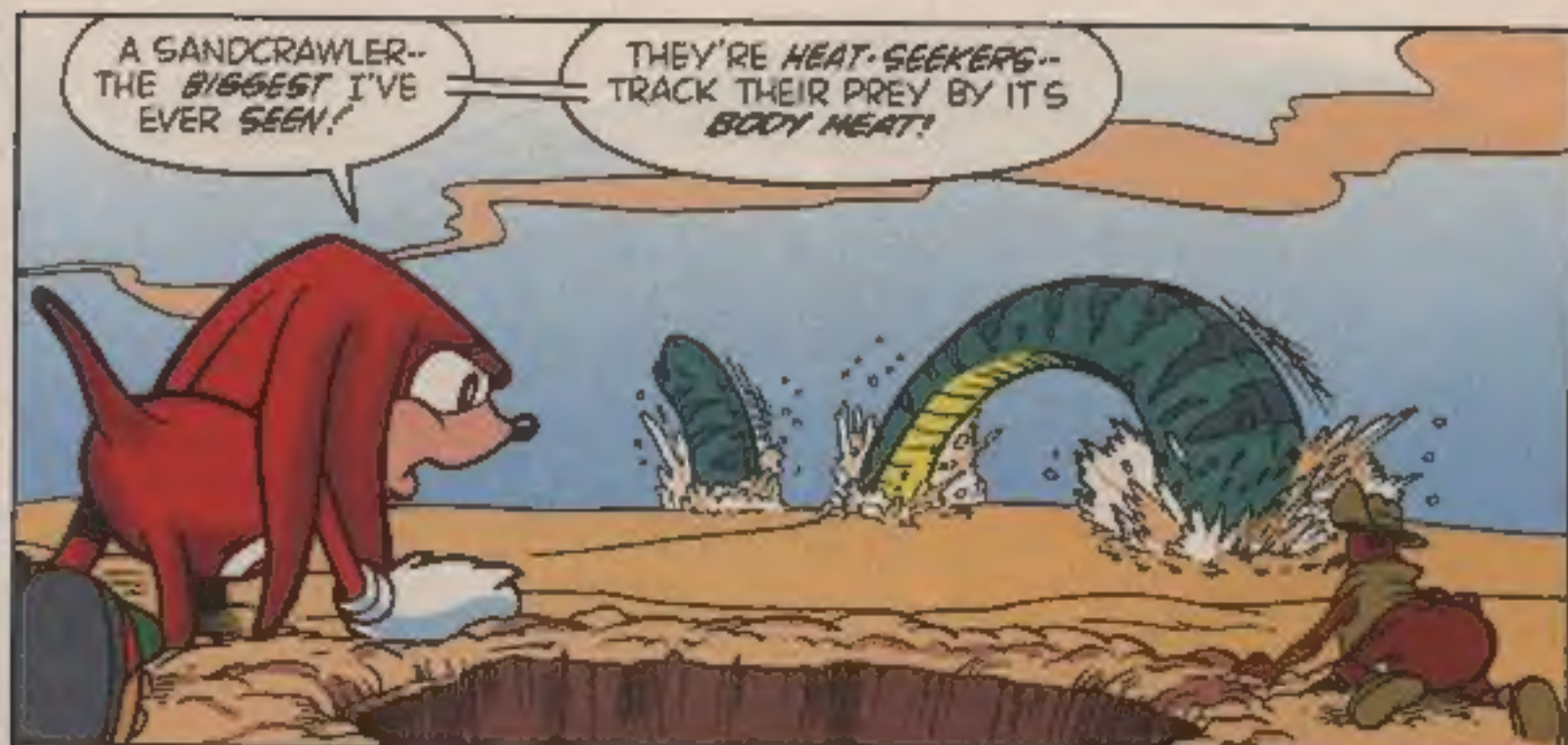
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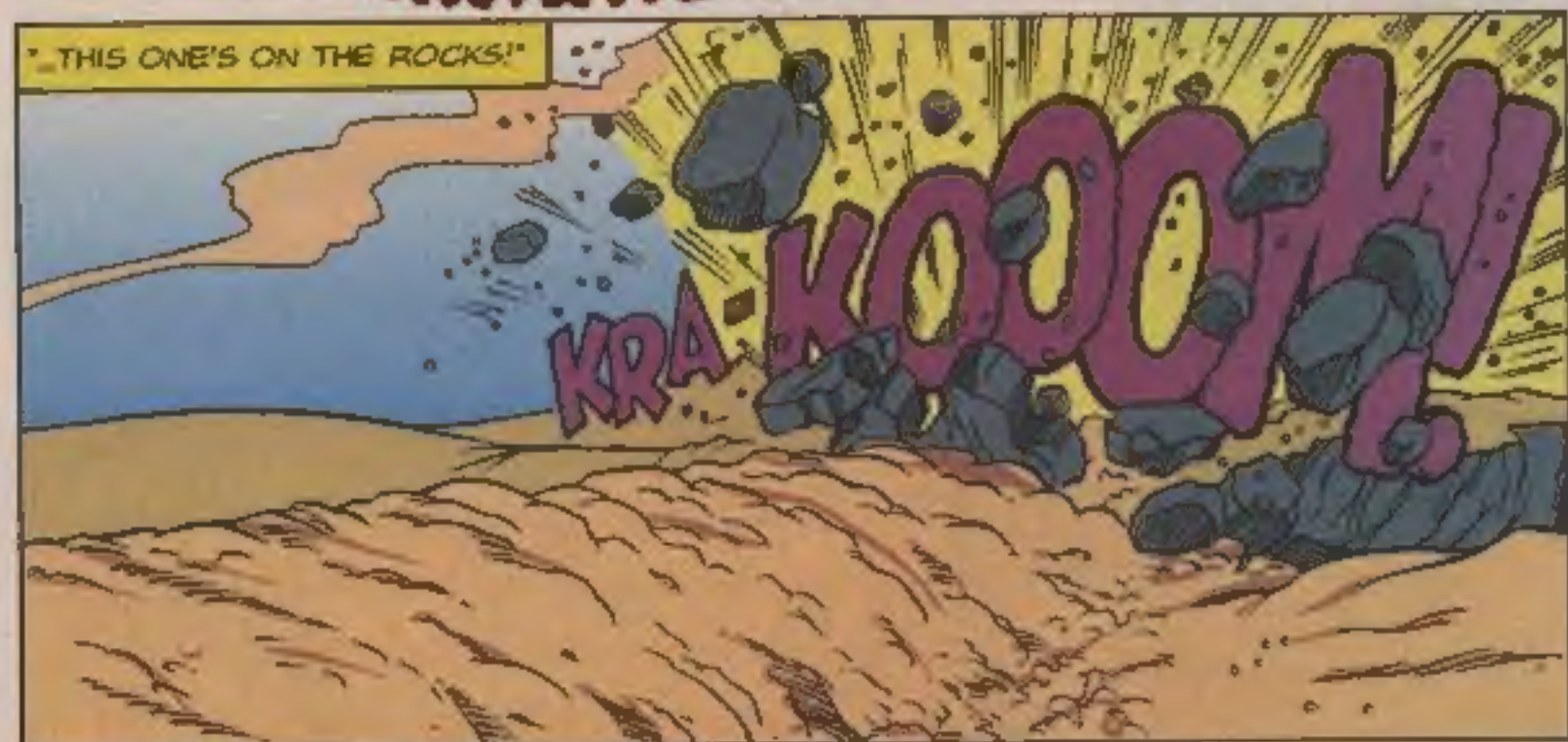
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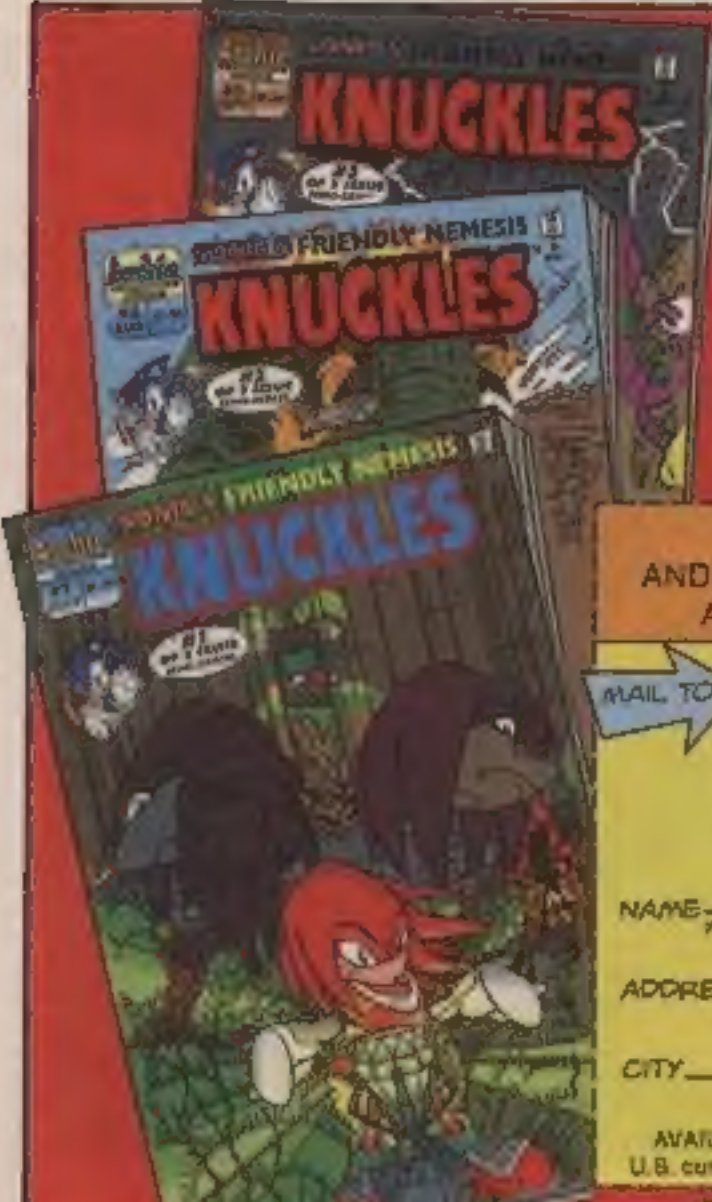
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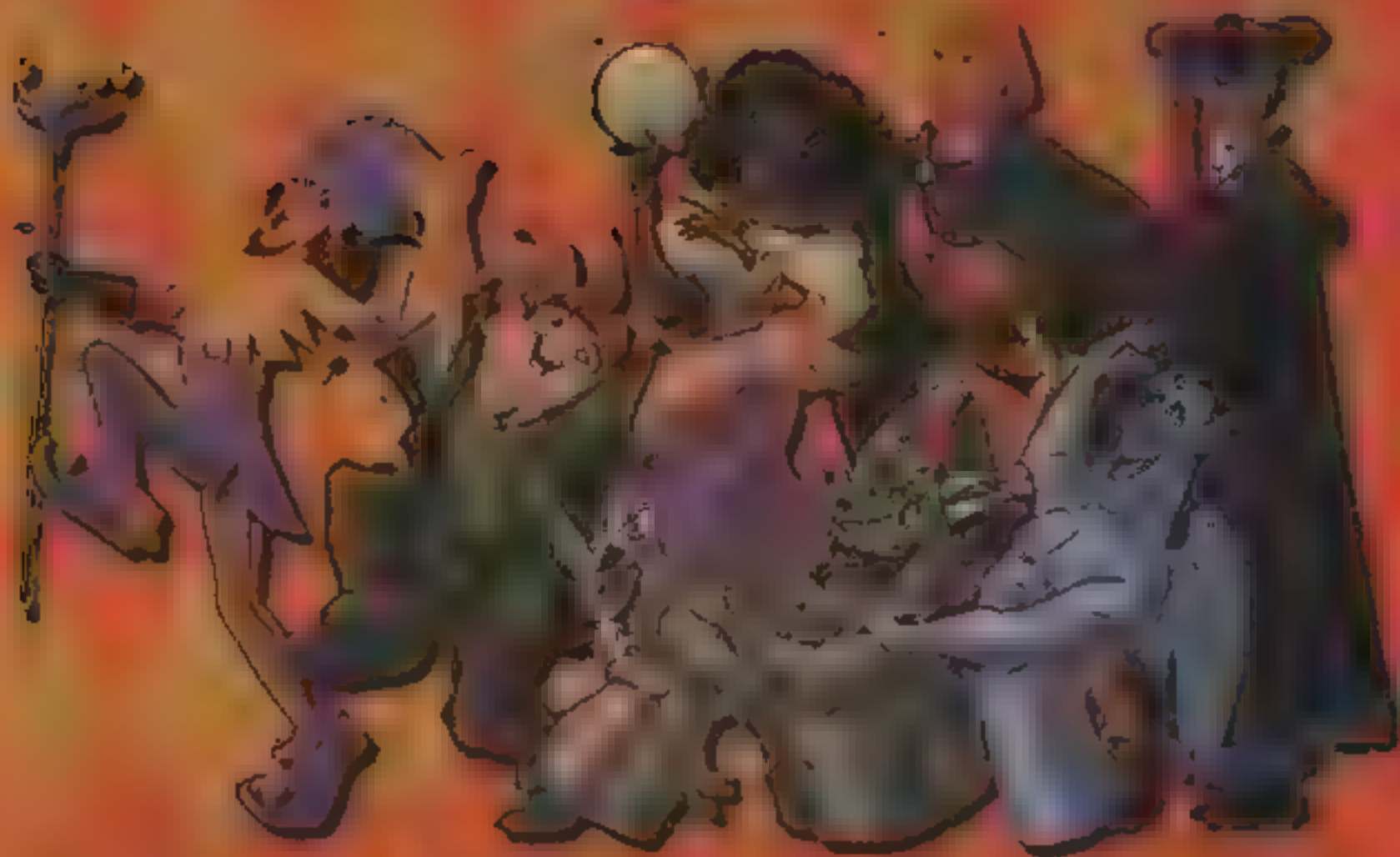
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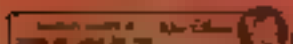
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BACK AT THE GRAND CONSERVATORY, YOU SAID YOUR PEOPLE HAD PULLED ECHIDNA FAT OUT OF THE FIRE. GOING AS FAR BACK AS THE ORIGIN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!*

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?

* LAST SS.E Friday

GOOD QUESTION, GUARDIAN! YOU'RE NOT AS HOPELESS AS I'D THOUGHT. IF YOU'VE LEARNED ANYTHING...

...IT'S BETTER TO LISTEN THAN TO SPEAK!

"ECHIDNA LEGENDS TELL OF A TIME WHEN OUR ISLAND WAS LAND BOUND-- AND IMPERILED BY A GREAT WHITE COMET!"

"IN RESPONSE TO THE THREAT, YOUR ECHIDNA ANCESTORS HAD CONCOCTED A DARING PLAN TO SAVE THEIR CITY!"

"HOW DO I KNOW?
BECAUSE MY PEOPLE WERE THERE!"

"... AND DUMPED THEM..."

"THEY GATHERED CHAOS EMERALDS..."

"... INTO THE CRYSTALLINE CAVERNS BENEATH THEIR CITY!"

"THE PLAN WAS TO
FOCUS THE GEM'S ENERGIES
THROUGH THIS CHAOS CHAMBER
NEGATE THE FORCE OF GRAVITY..

PATH OF
ESCAPE

FLIGHT PATH
OF COMET

".. AND PHYSICALLY UPLIFT ECHIDNAPOLIS
OUT OF HARM'S WAY!"

"AN INSPIRING PLAN--ONE WHICH MIGHT NEVER HAVE WORKED..

".. IF WE FIRE-ANTS
HADN'T PERFORMED
THE GROUND-BREAK-
ING CEREMONY! *

"MY ANCESTORS GRANTED OUR ISLAND THE FREEDOM OF THE
SKIES.. A FREEDOM IT ENJOYS TO THIS VERY DAY!"

SEE A SENSE OF HISTORY
IN SONIC #34 IF YOU DON'T
BELIEVE US! - Freddy

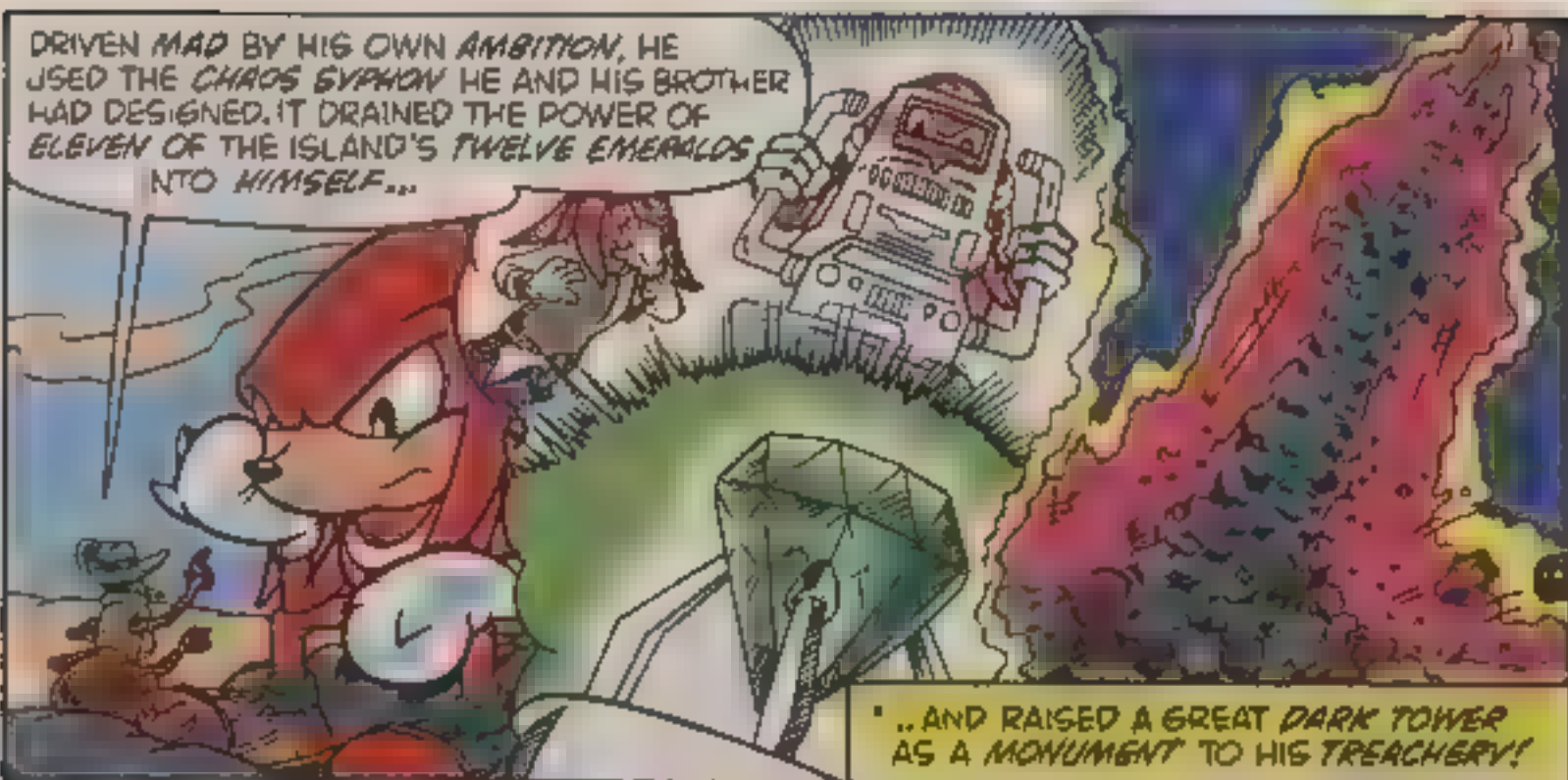
"NOT THE FIRST TIME WE'D SAVED ECHIDNA BACON...

"OR THE LAST! DECADES LATER, TECHNOLOGISTS
EDMUND AND DIMITRI DEvised A METHOD TO RETURN
THIS ISLAND TO THE GROUND!"

"THE SCIENTIFIC ELITE THOUGHT IT
TOO DANGEROUS TO TRY..

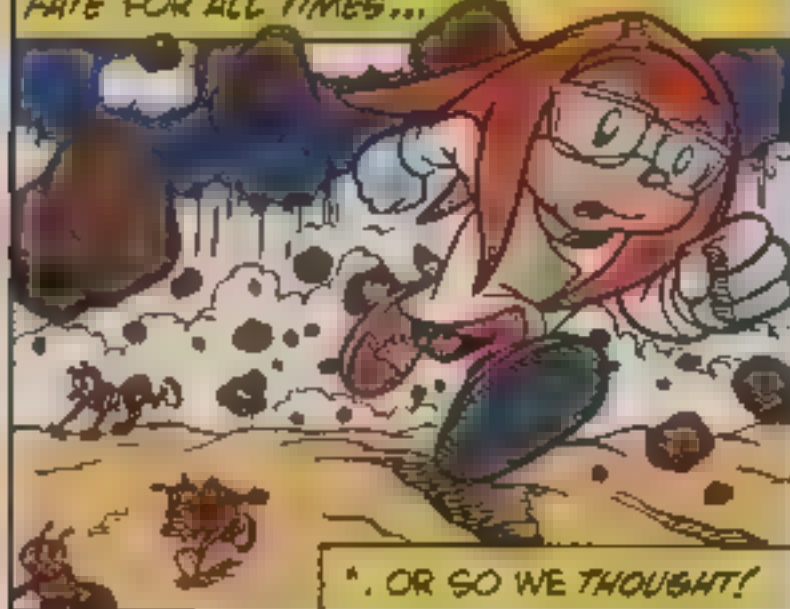
...BUT THAT ONLY
SERVED TO GOAD THE
POWER HUNGRY AND UNSTABLE
DIMITRI FURTHER!

DRIVEN MAD BY HIS OWN AMBITION, HE USED THE CHAOS SYPHON HE AND HIS BROTHER HAD DESIGNED. IT DRAINED THE POWER OF ELEVEN OF THE ISLAND'S TWELVE EMERALDS INTO HIMSELF...



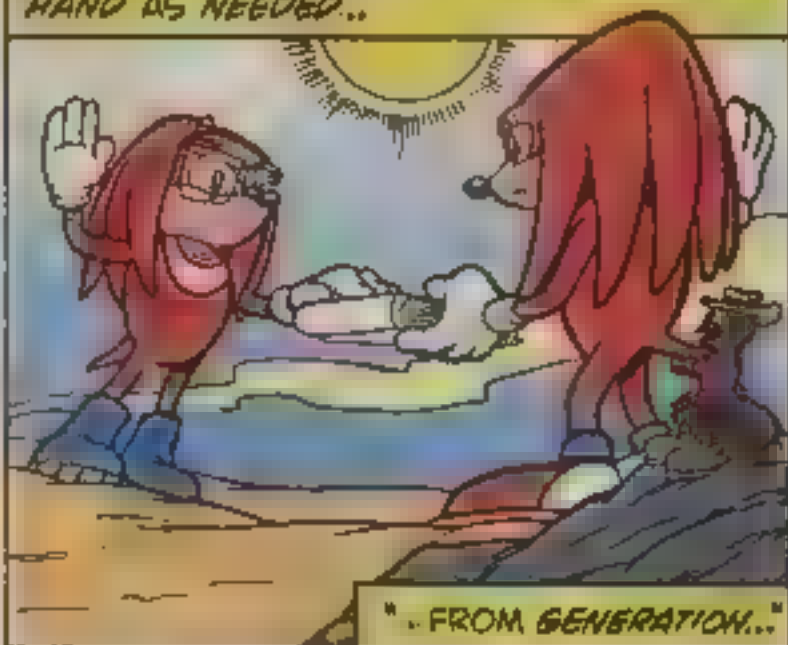
"...AND RAISED A GREAT DARK TOWER AS A MONUMENT TO HIS TREACHERY!"

"EATING AWAY AT ITS FOUNDATION, MY PEOPLE COLLAPSED THE TOWER WITHIN ITSELF--BURYING DIMITRI BENEATH MOUNT RATE FOR ALL TIMES..."



"...OR SO WE THOUGHT!"

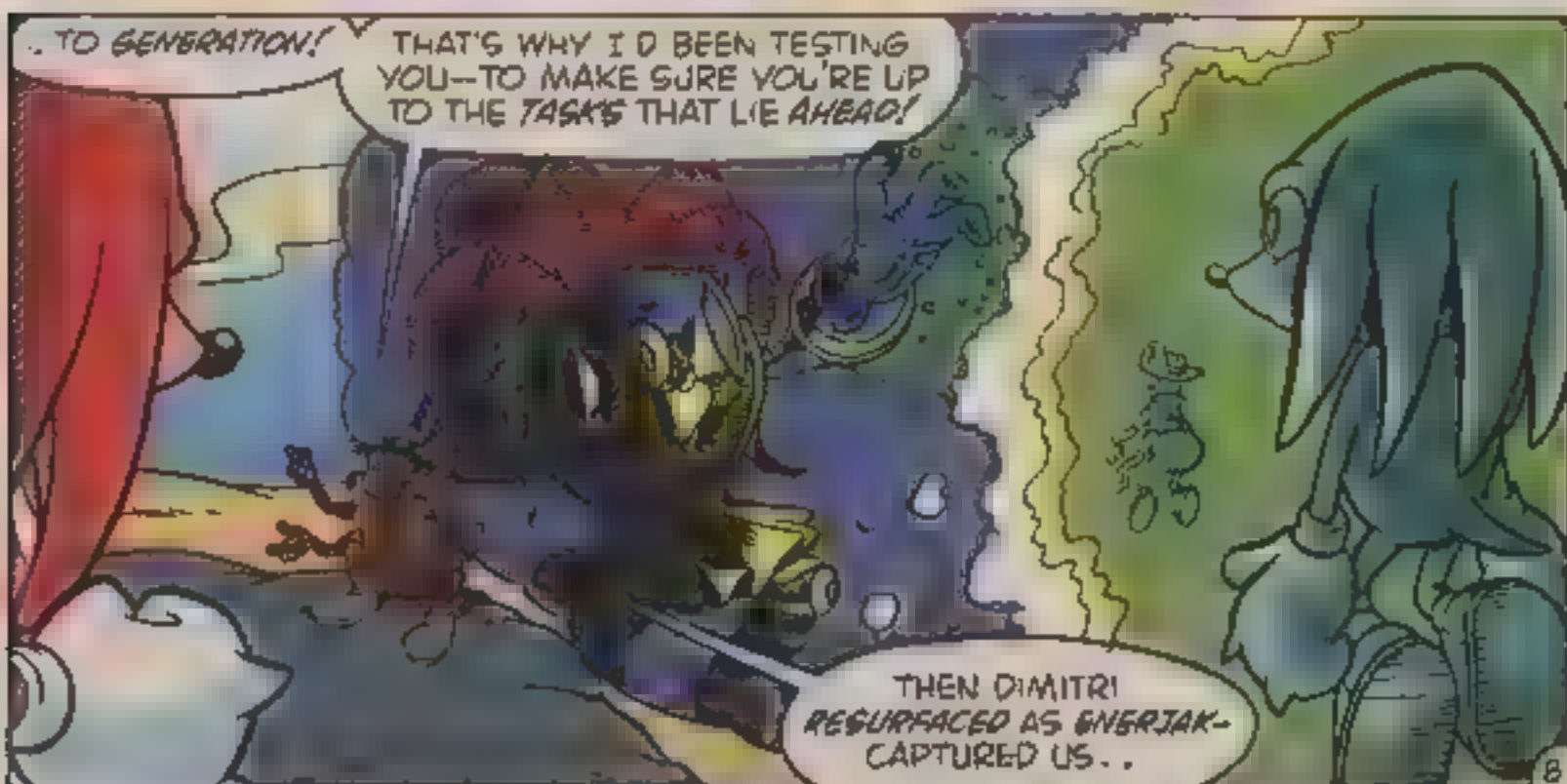
"SINCE THEN, WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE, BEHIND THE SCENES, LENDING A HELPING HAND AS NEEDED..."



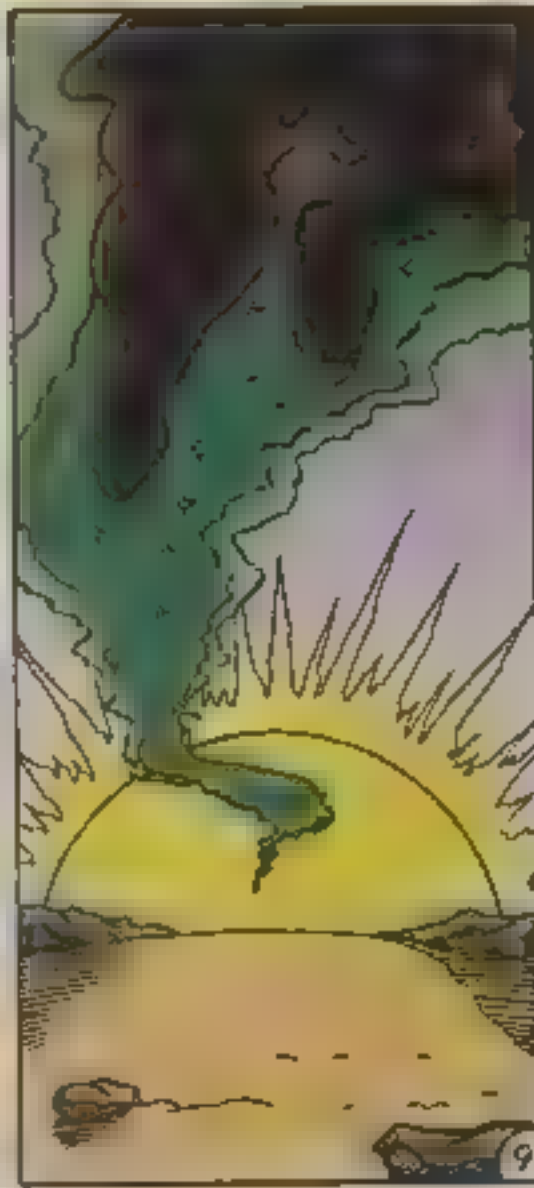
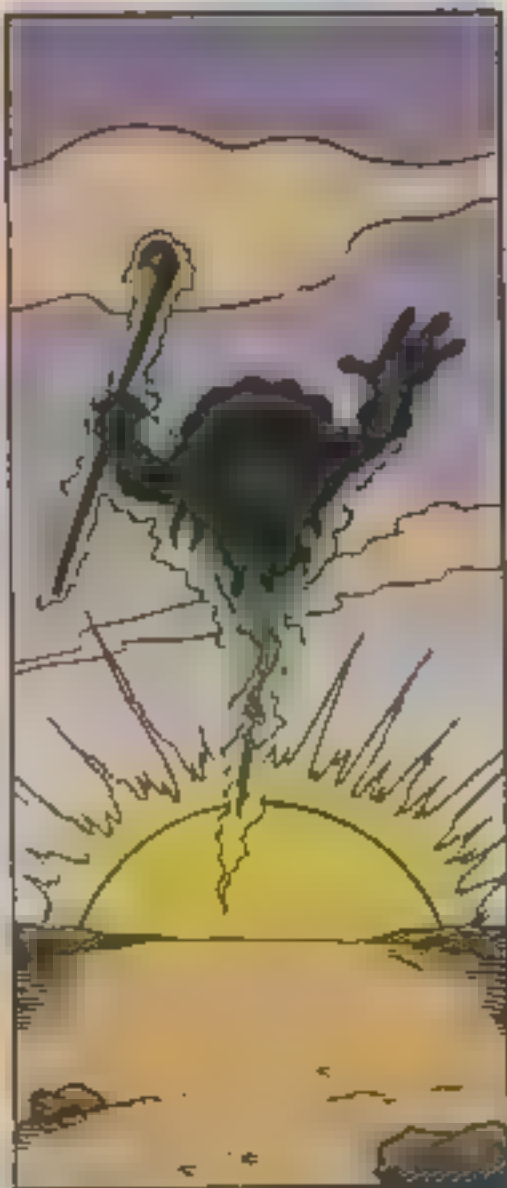
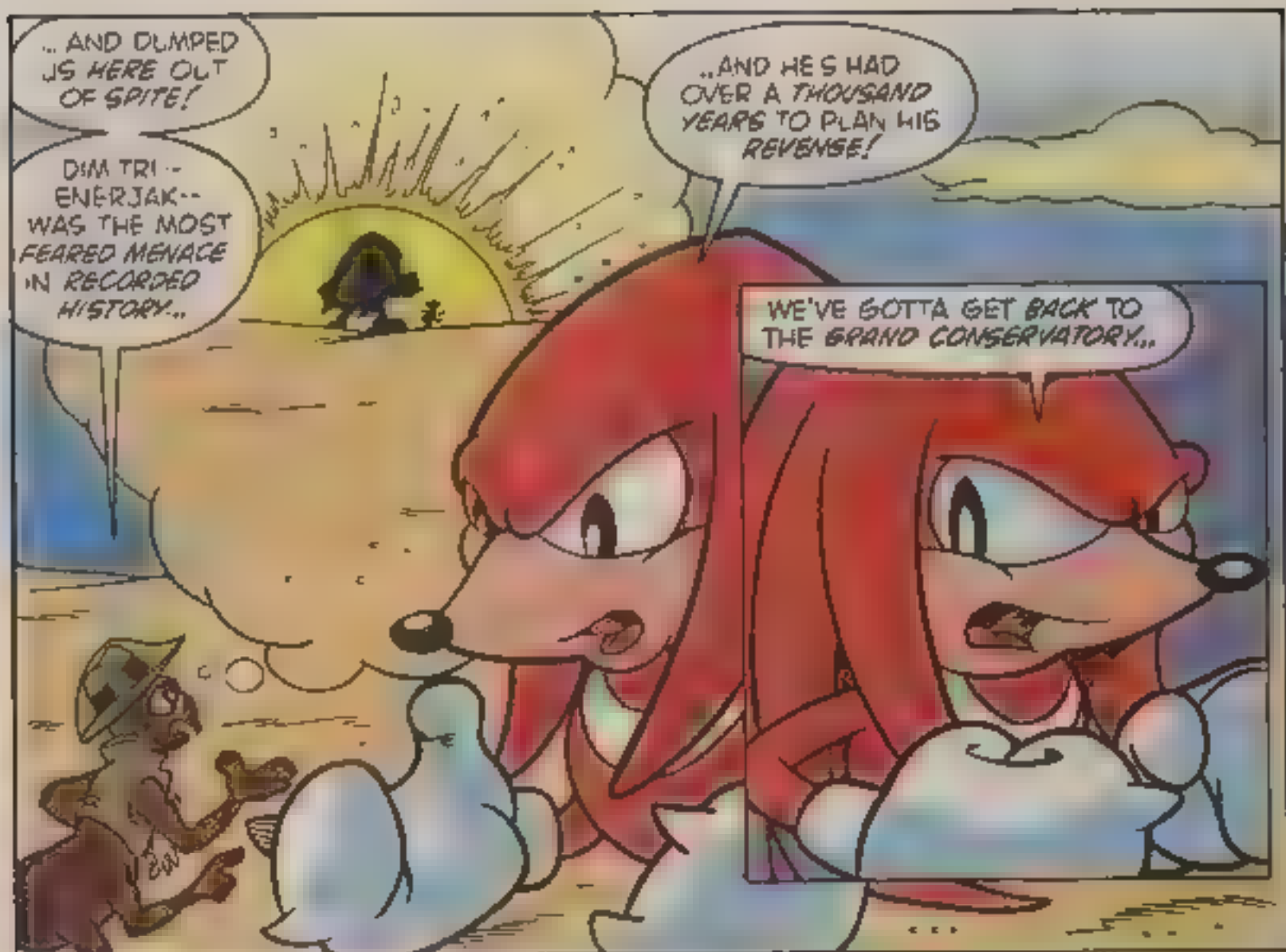
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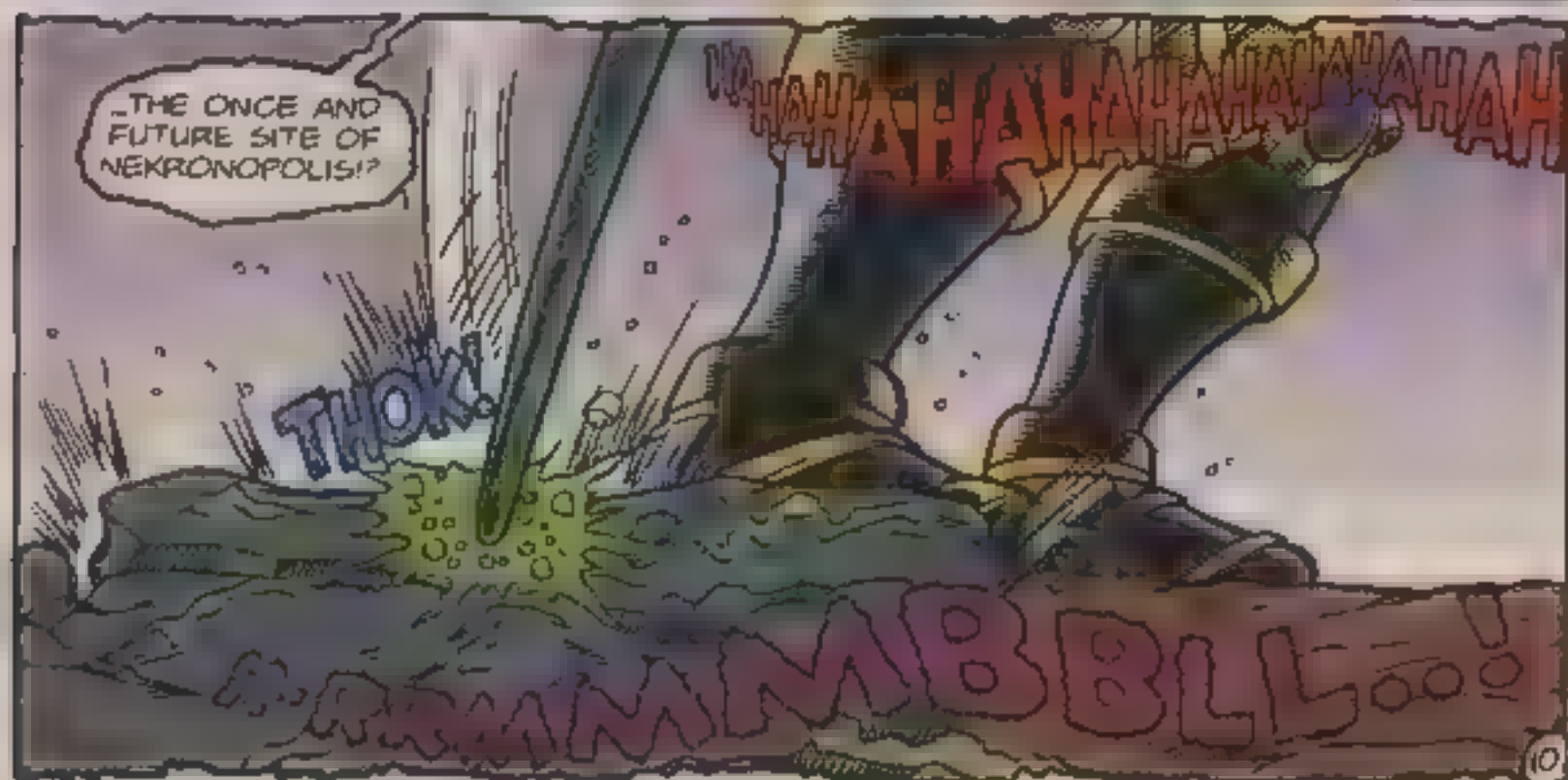
...TO GENERATION!

THAT'S WHY I'D BEEN TESTING YOU--TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE UP TO THE TASKS THAT LIE AHEAD!

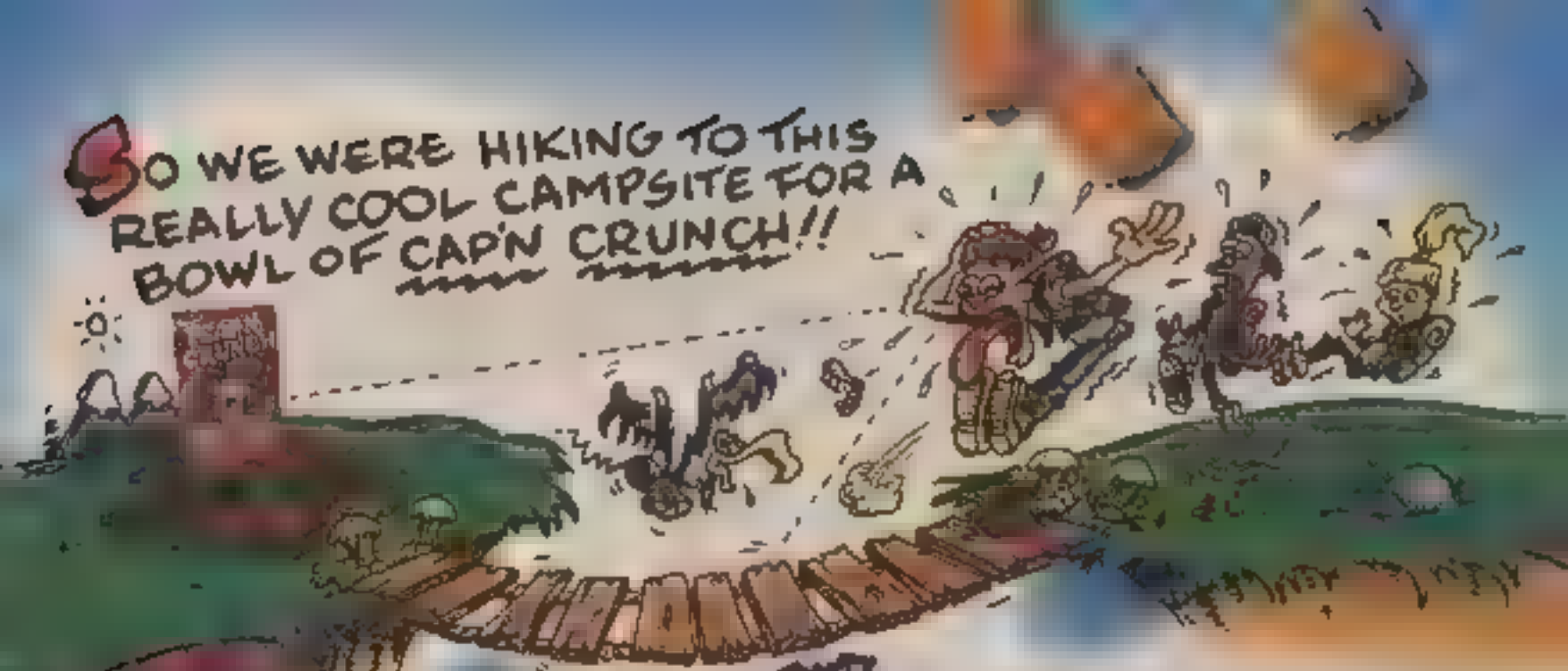


THEN DIMITRI RESURFACED AS ENERJAK--CAPTURED US...



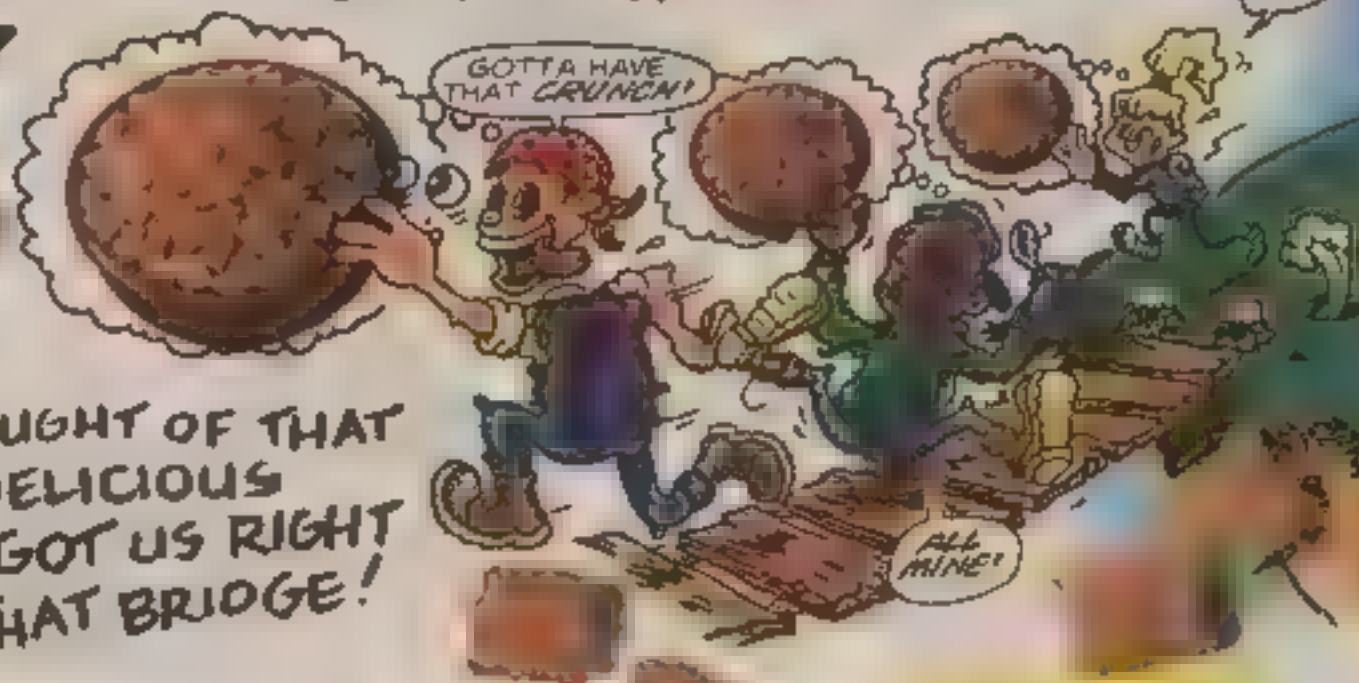


SO WE WERE HIKING TO THIS
REALLY COOL CAMPSITE FOR A
BOWL OF CAP'N CRUNCH!!



WHEN WE CAME TO THIS
WEIRD LOOKING BRIDGE!

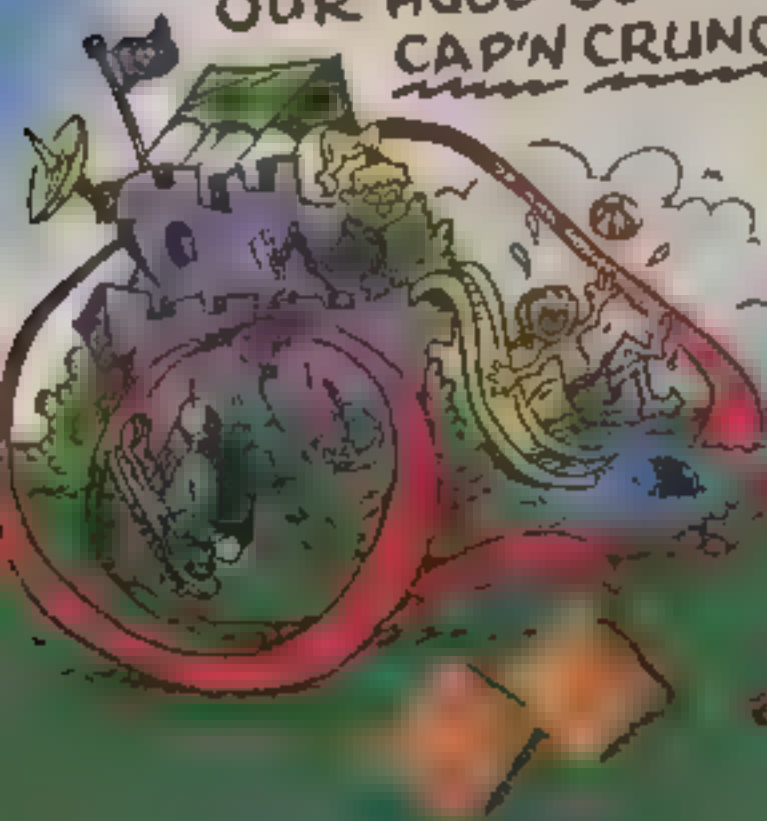
WHEN THE CAP'N DROPPED IN AND YELLED
"JUST THINK OF WHAT YOU WANT AND
GO FOR IT!"



HE THOUGHT OF THAT
SWEET DELICIOUS
CRUNCH GOT US RIGHT
OVER THAT BRIDGE!

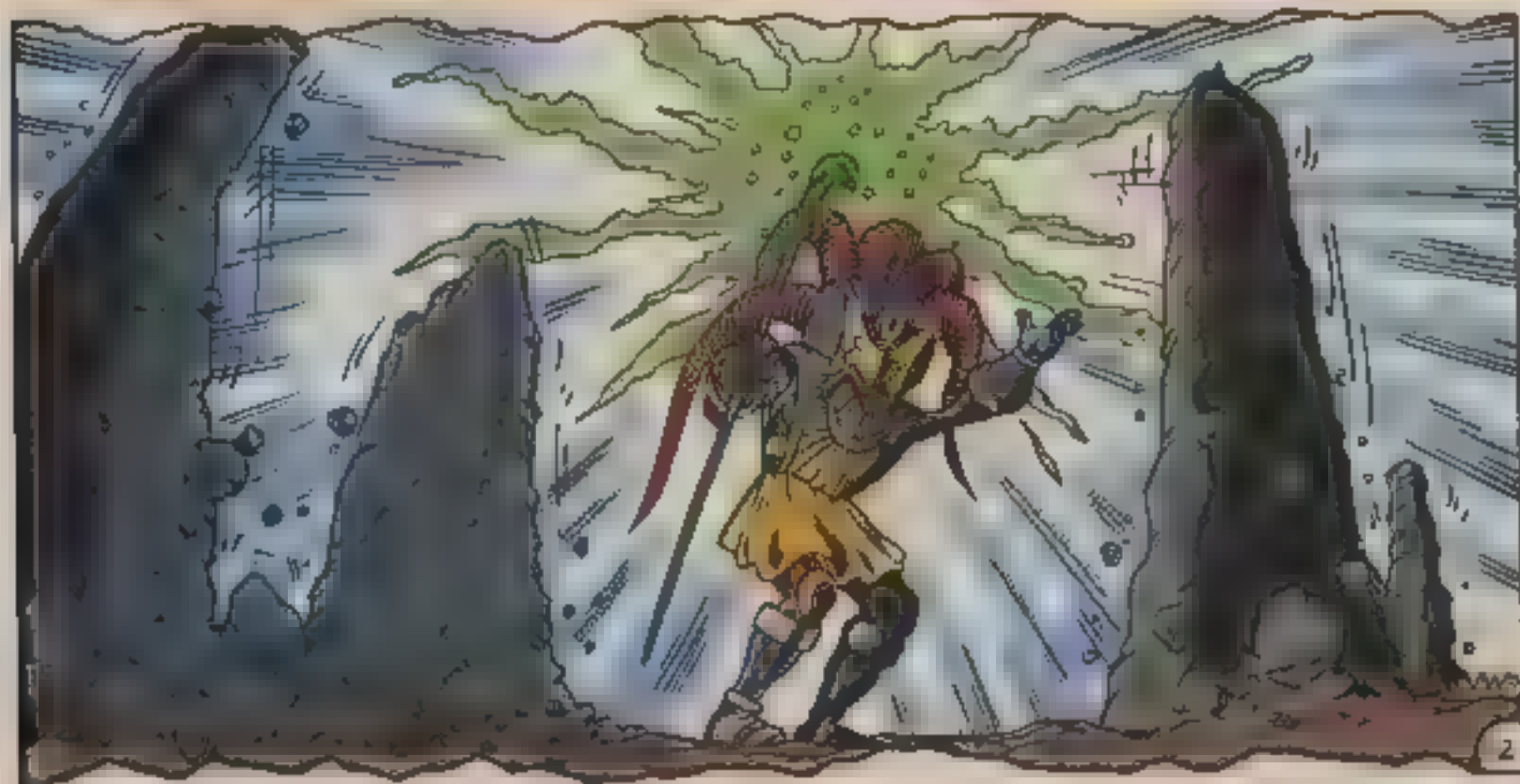
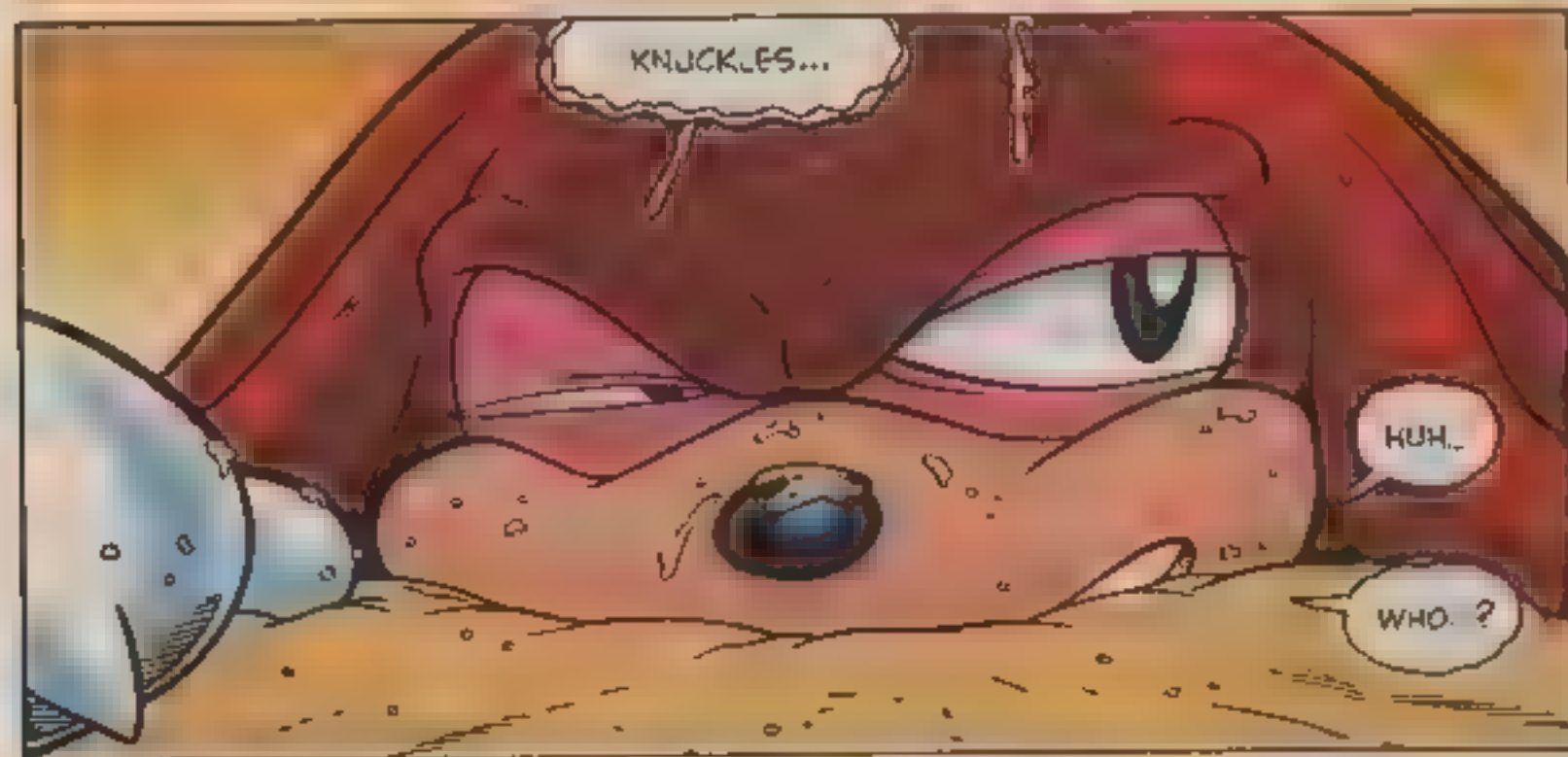
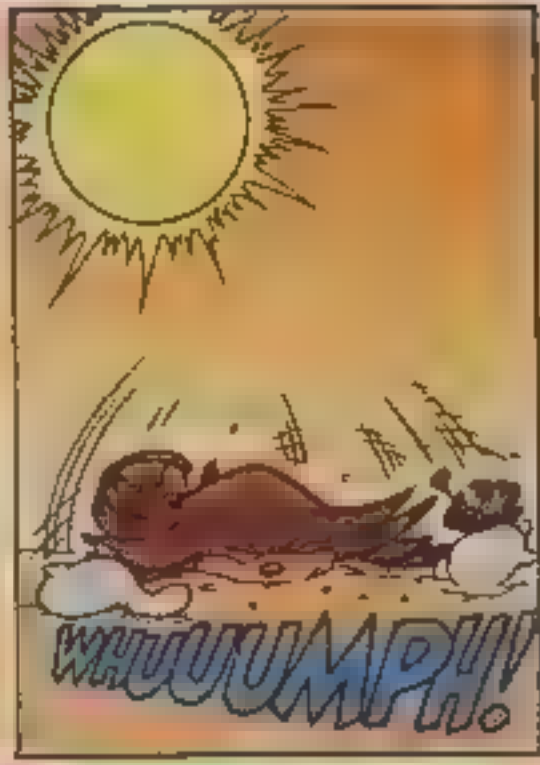
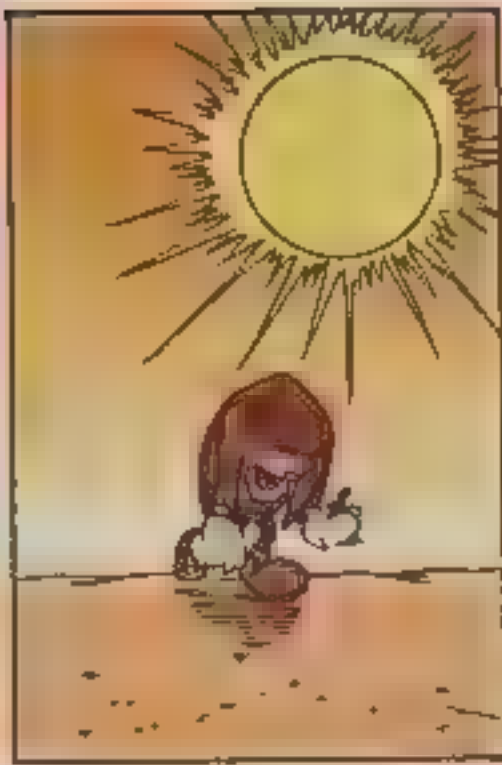
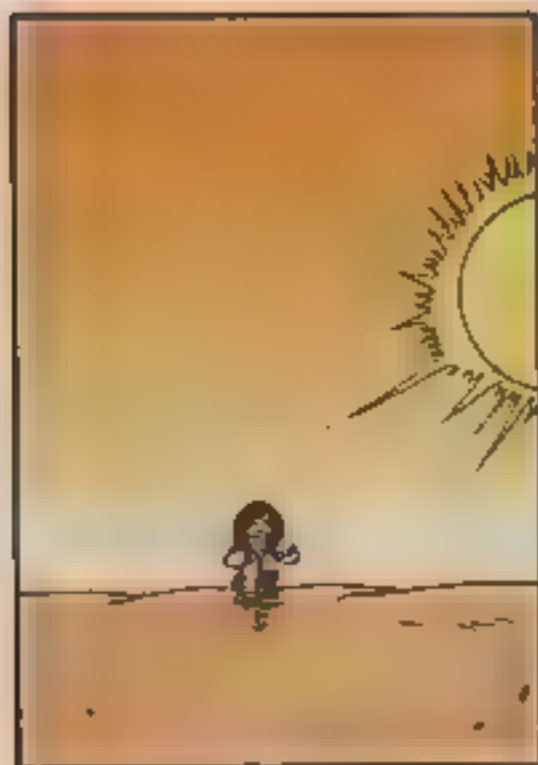
HAT'S HOW WE GOT TO OUR
AWESOME CAMPSITE AND
OUR HUGE BOWLS OF
CAP'N CRUNCH® CEREAL!

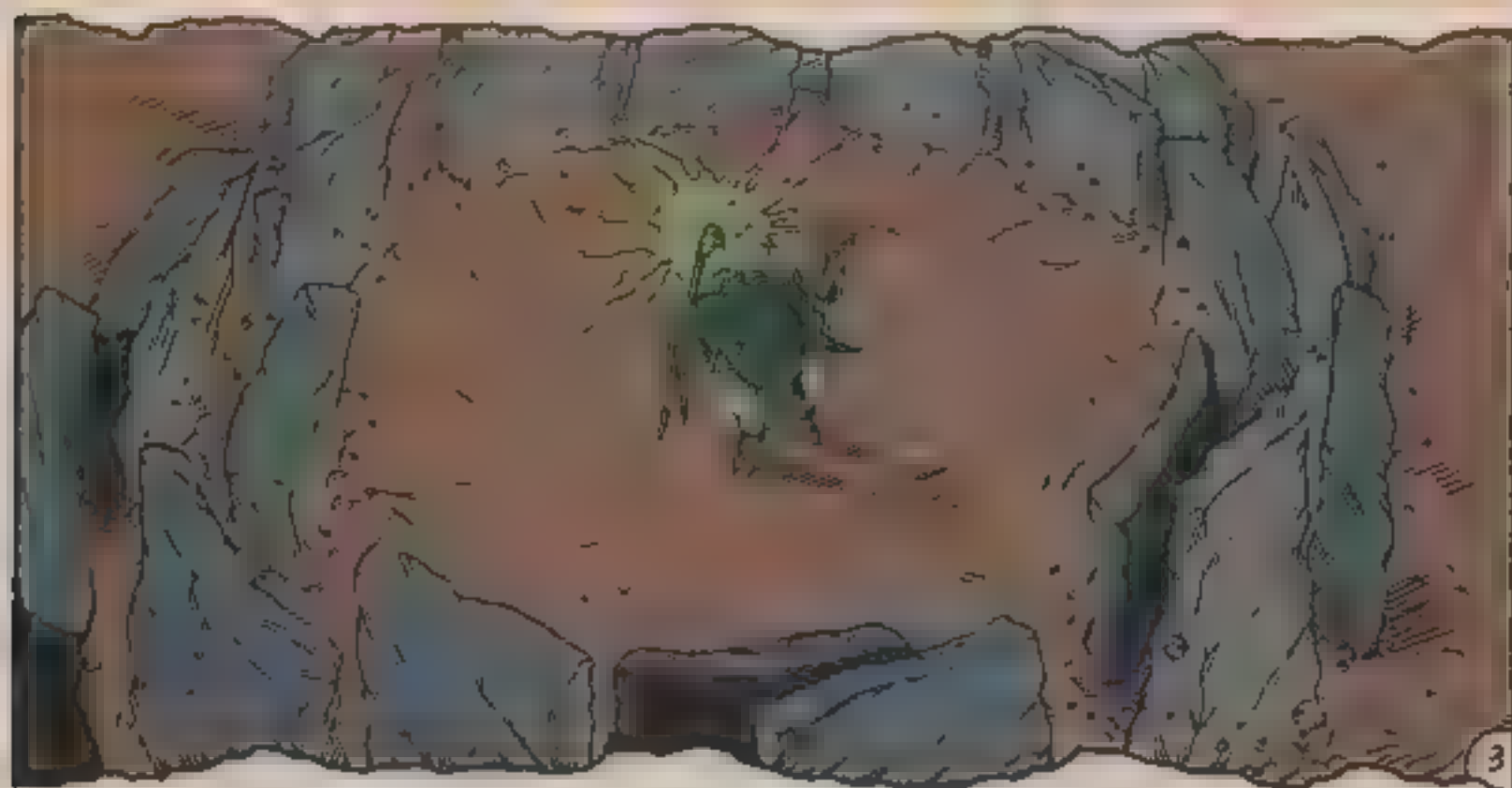
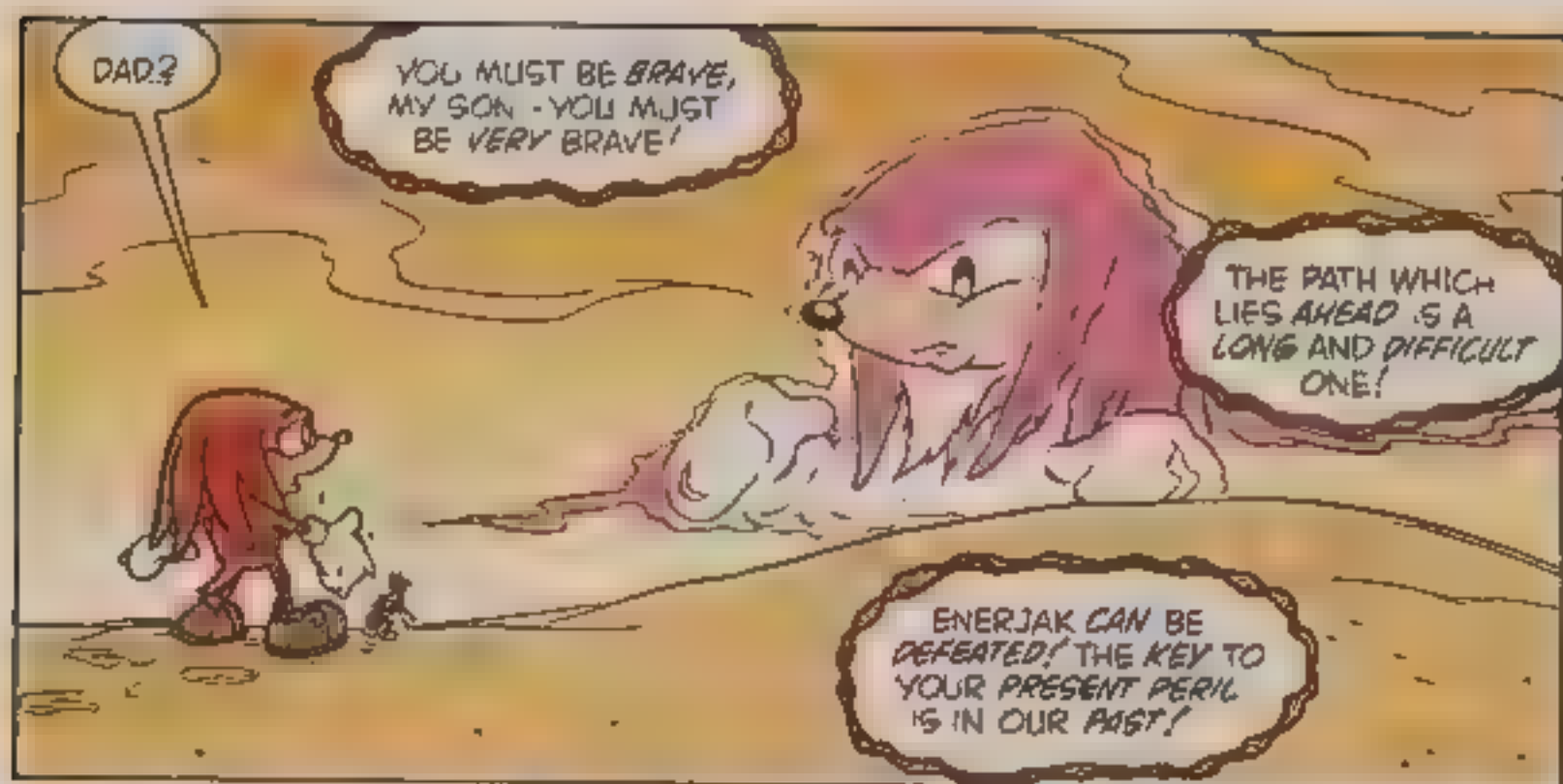
YOU AND THE CAP'N
MAKE IT HAPPEN!

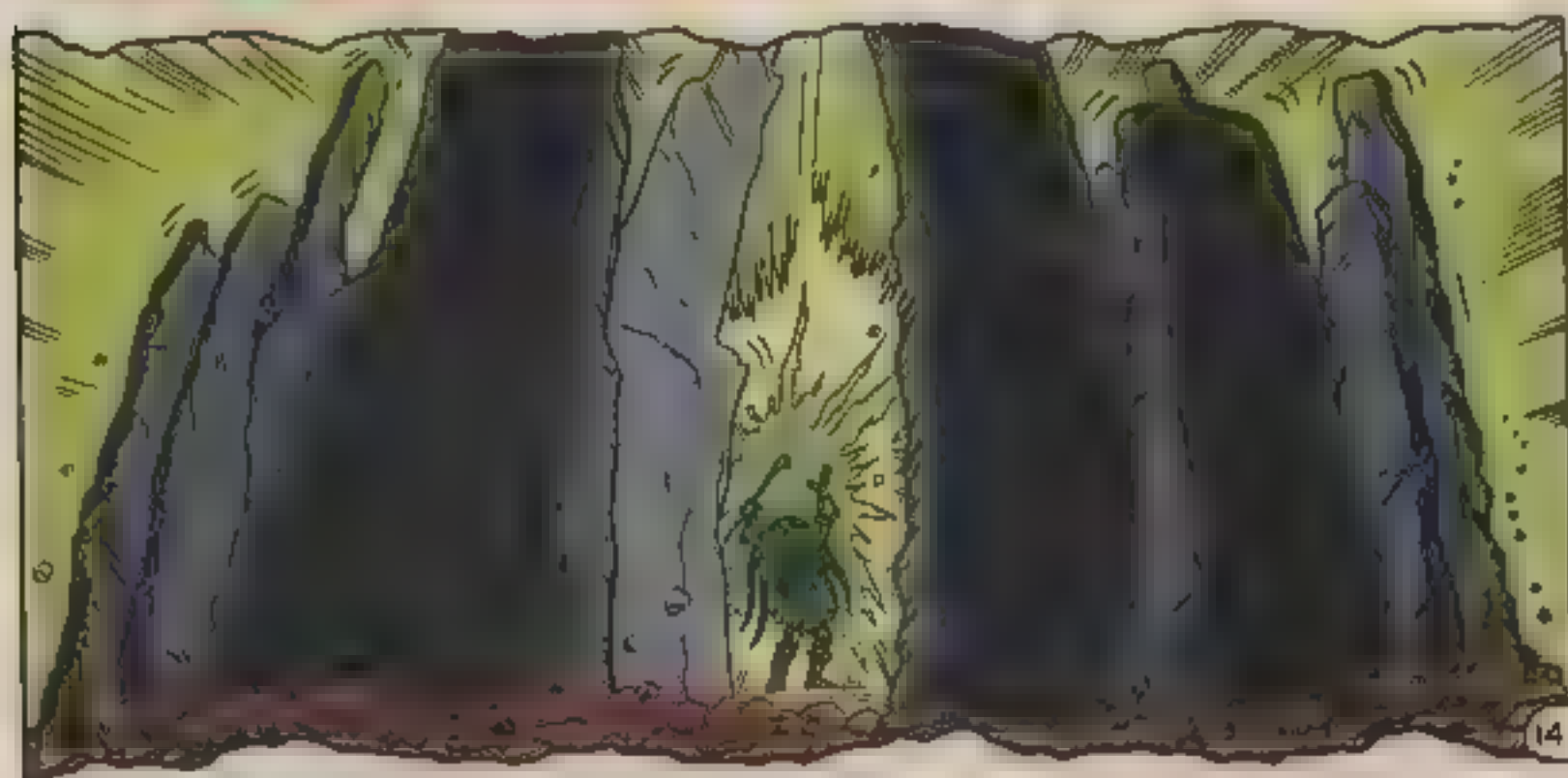
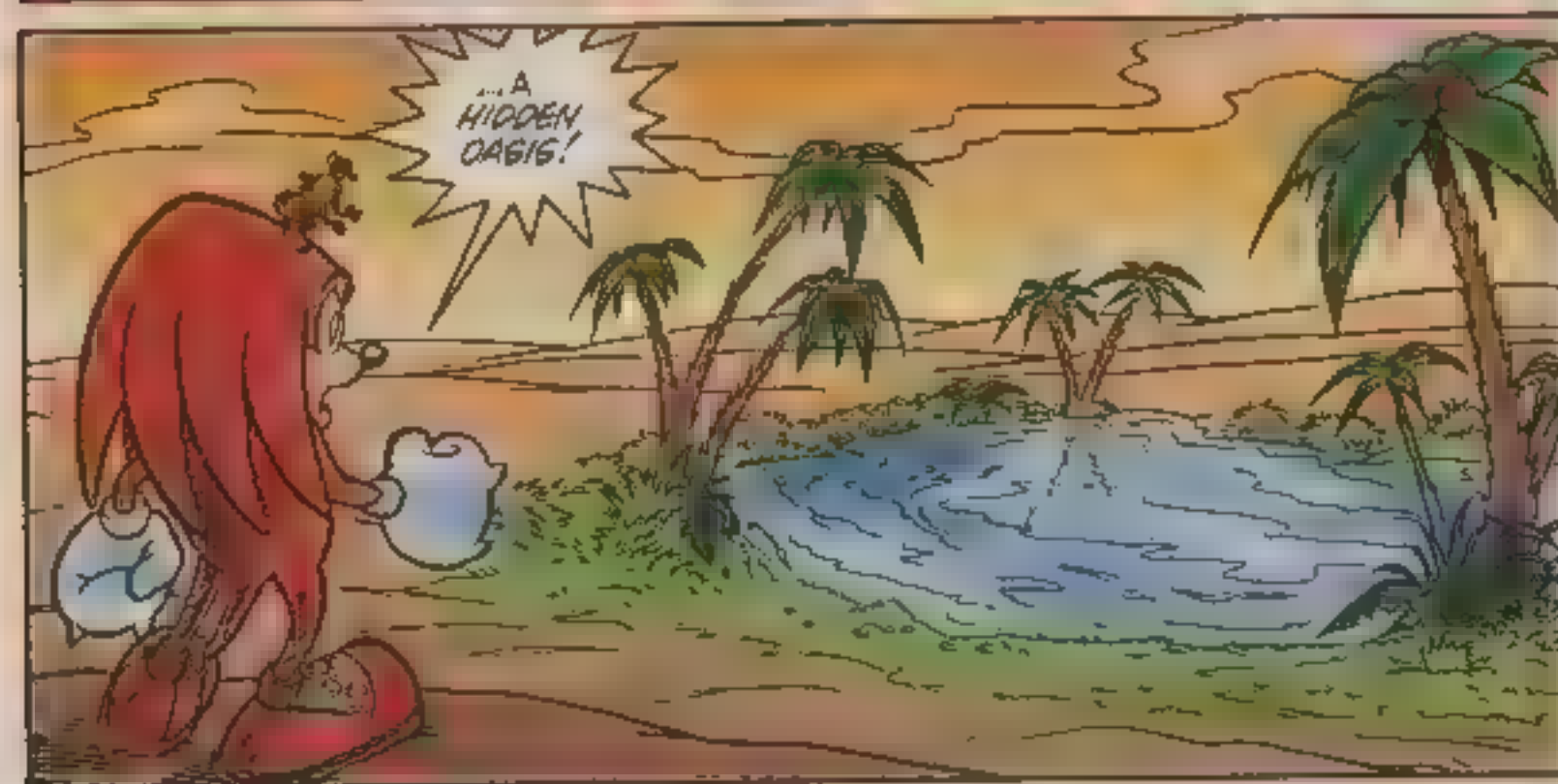
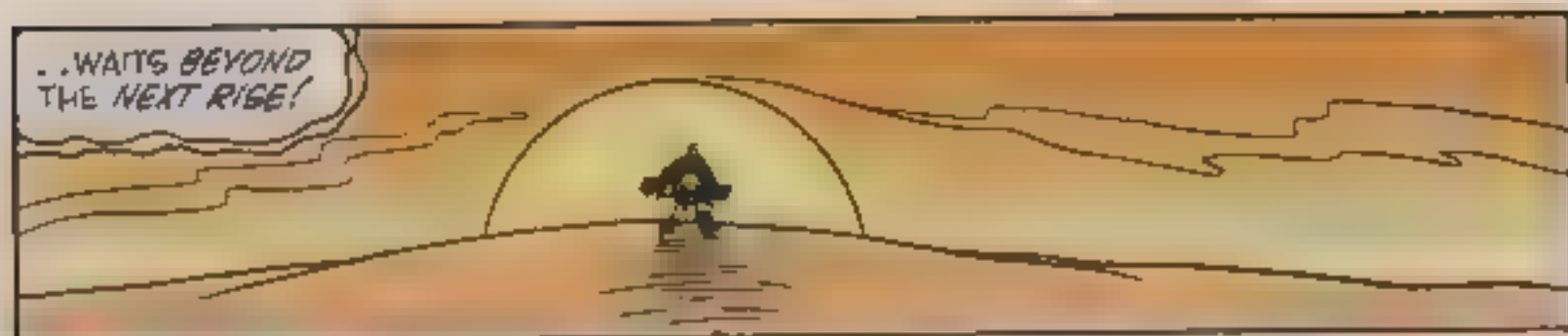


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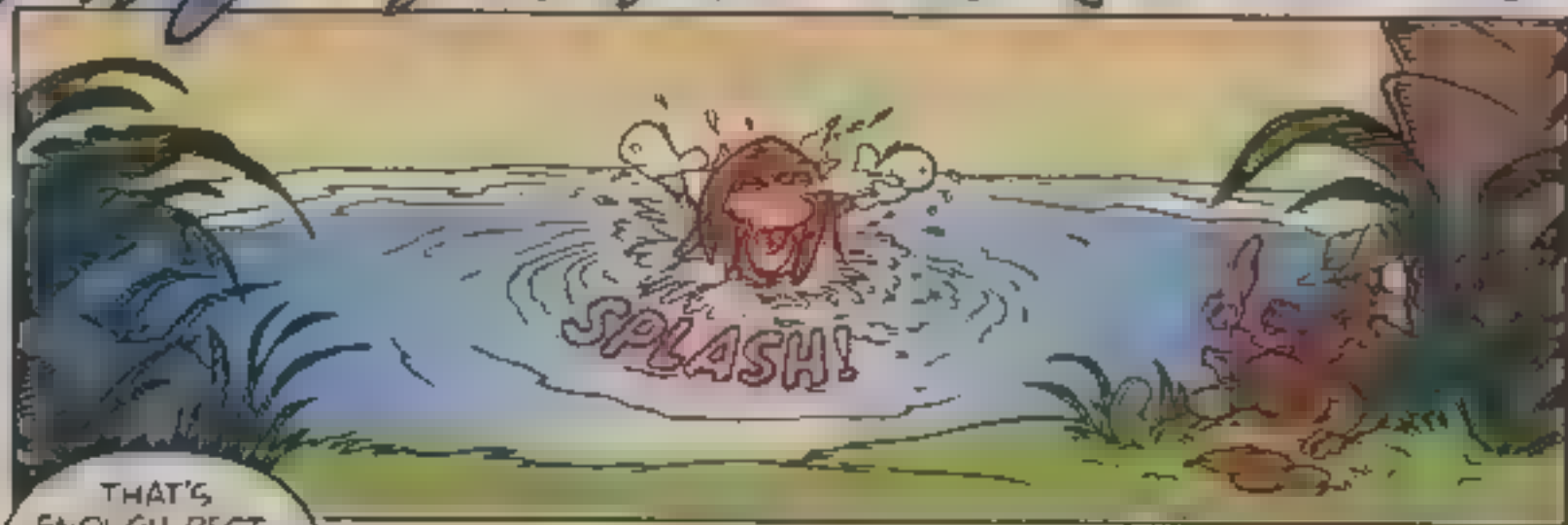








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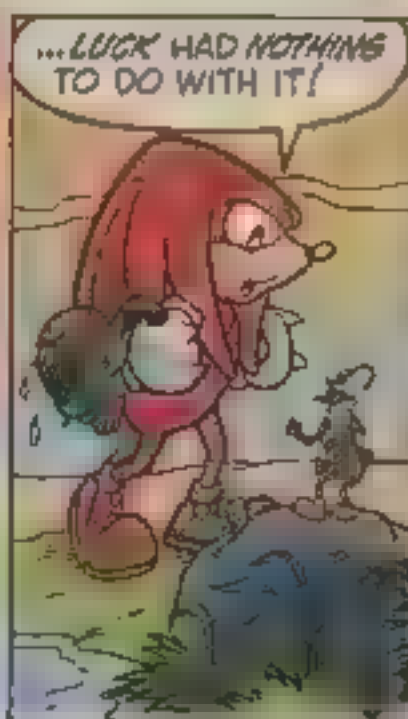


THAT'S
ENOUGH REST
AND RECREATION
FOR ONE DAY
GUARDIAN!

WE WERE
LUCKY TO FIND
THIS PLACE!



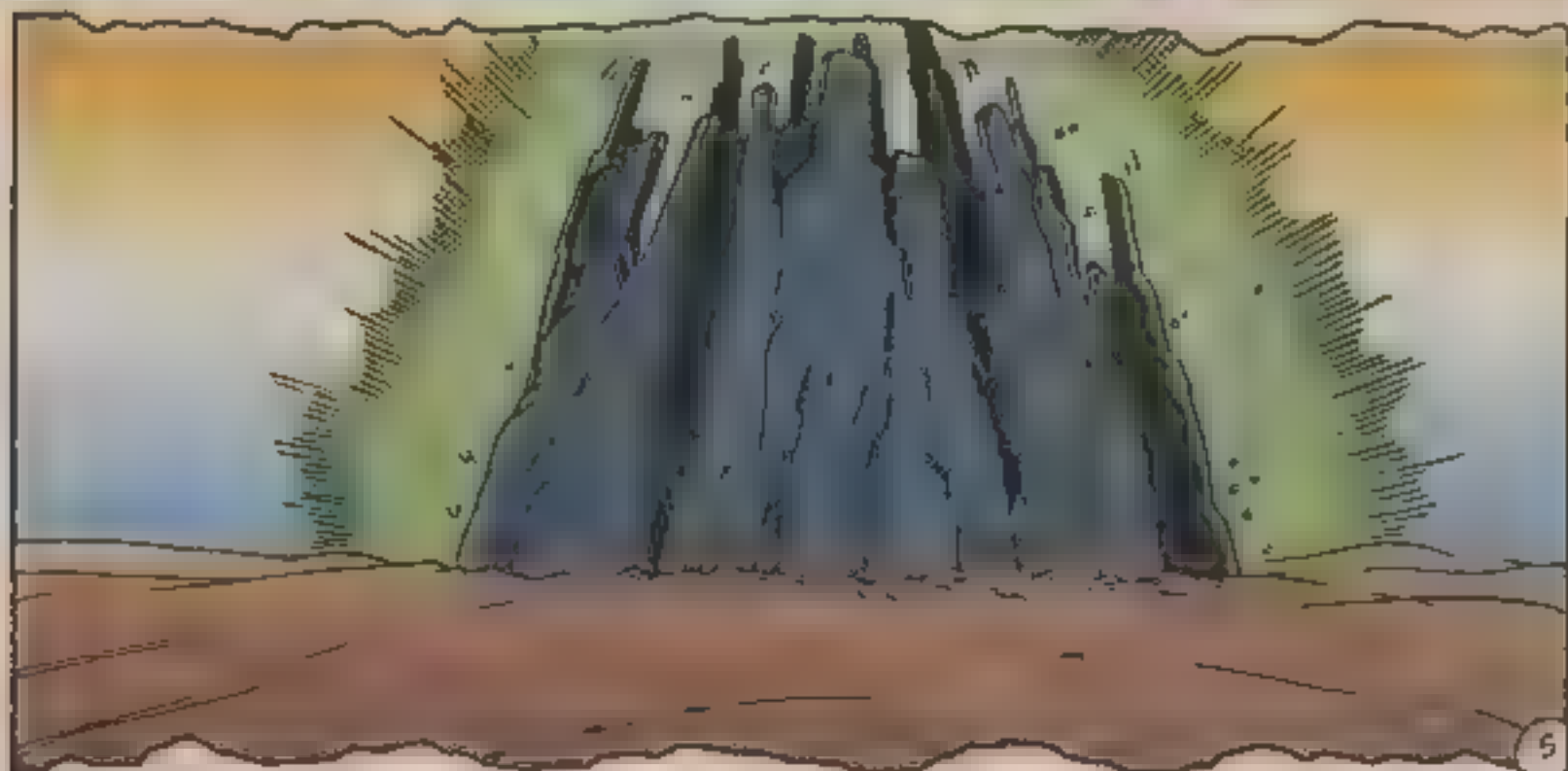
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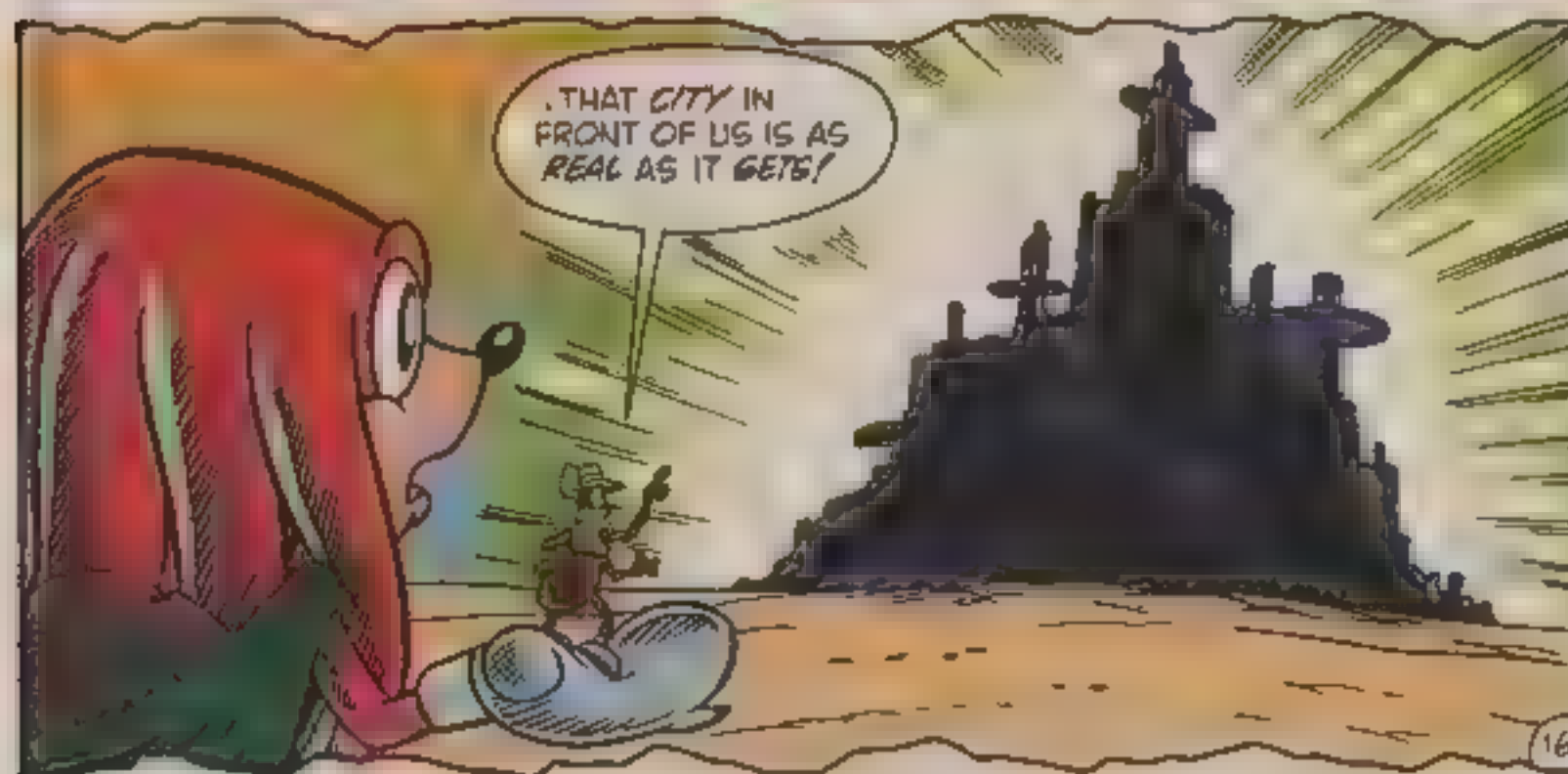
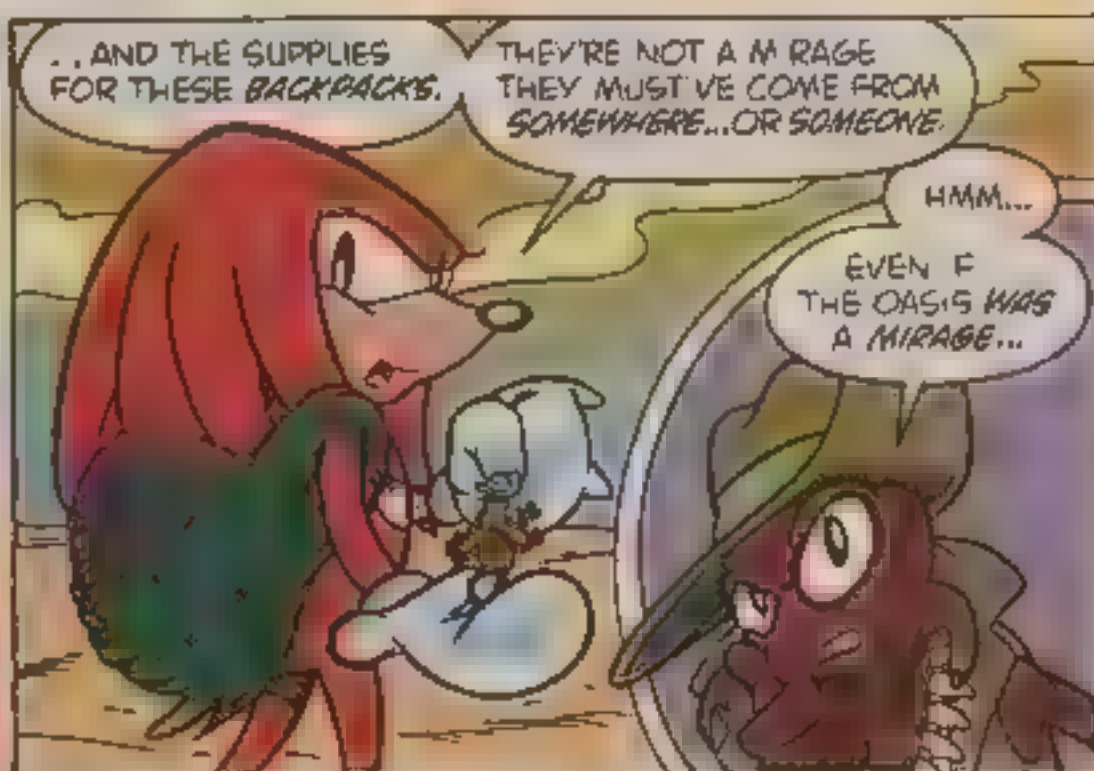
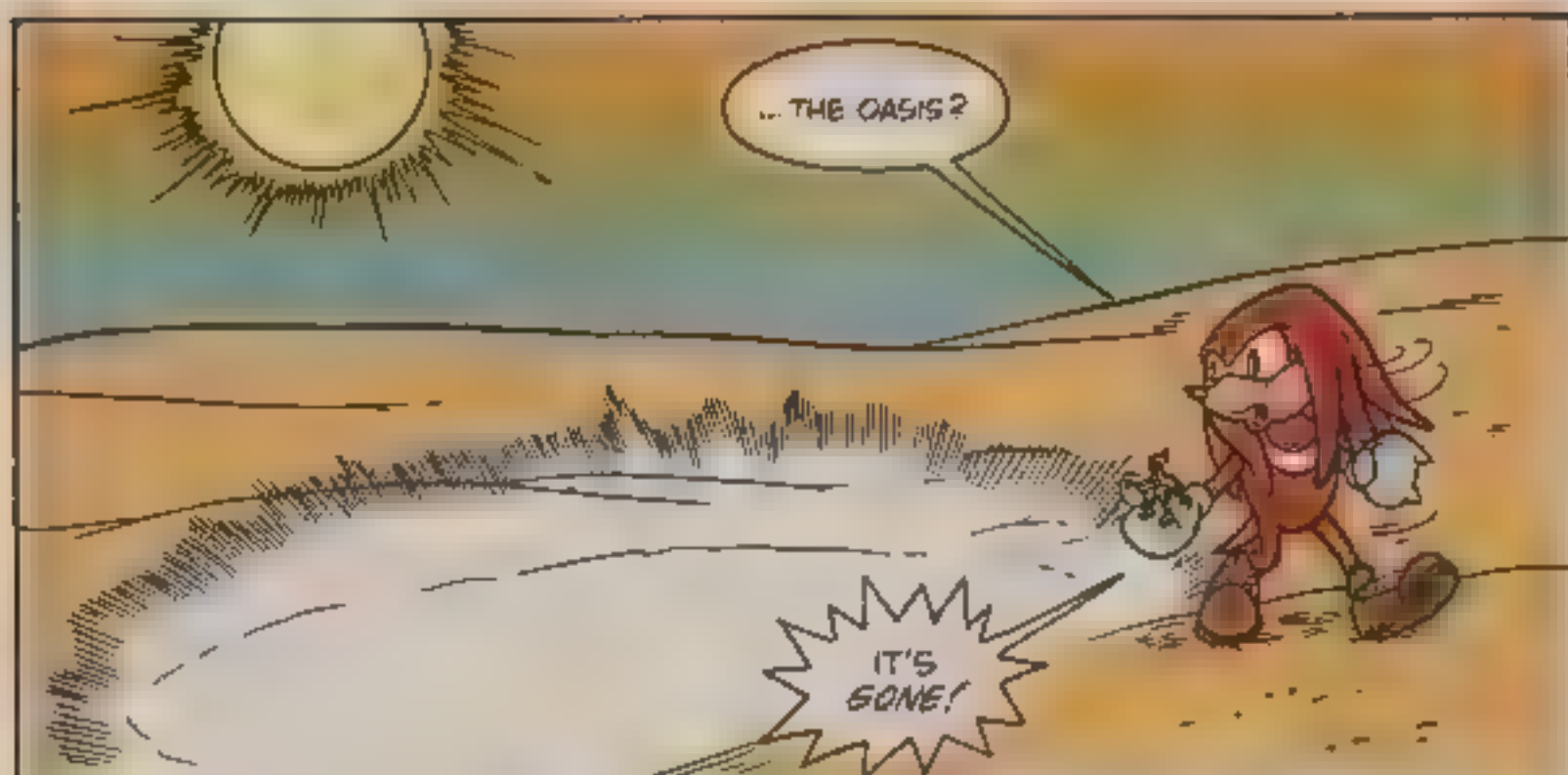


...LUCK HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH IT!

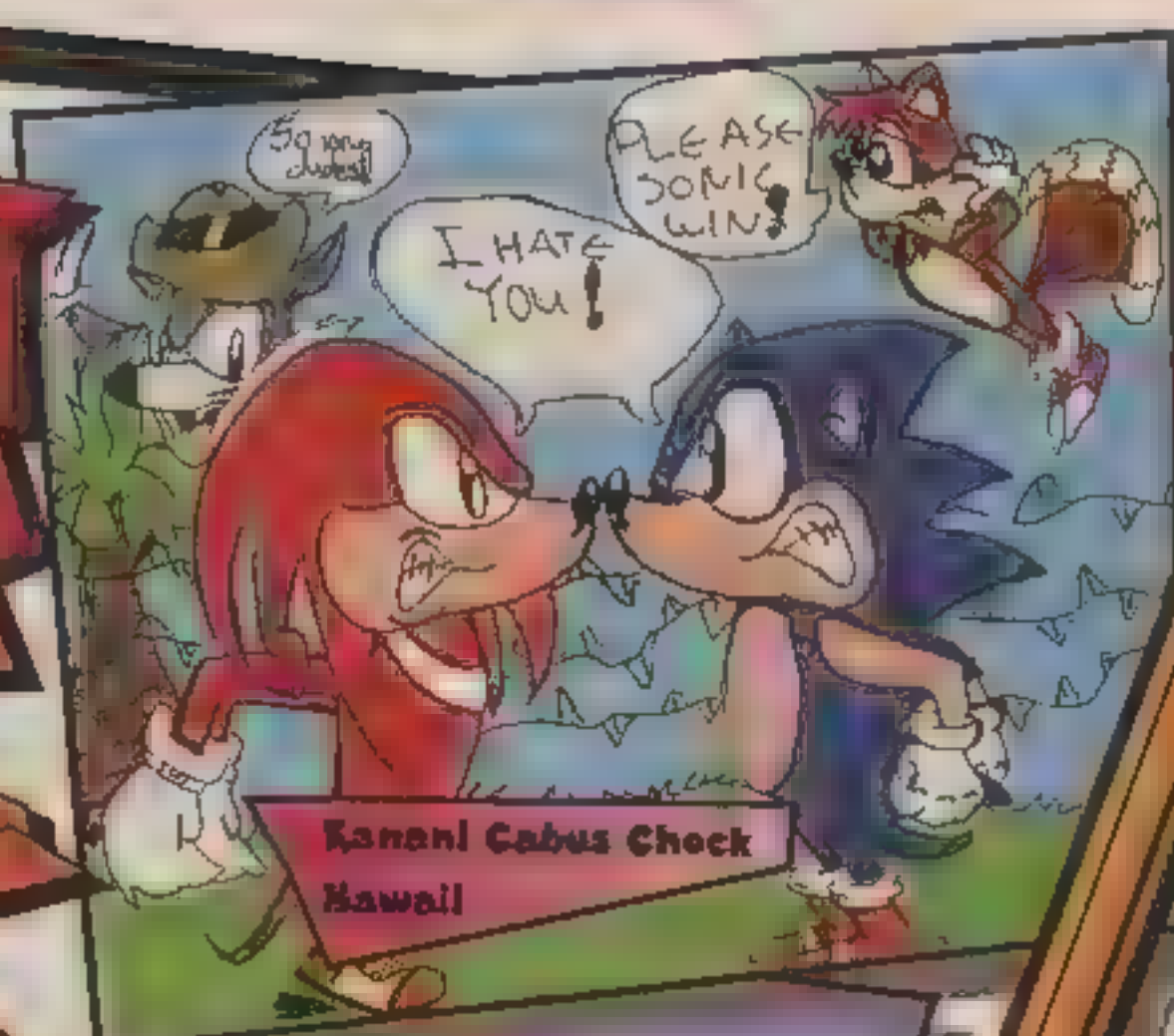


SOMEONE
OR SOMETHING...
MEANT FOR US
TO REACH.





KANAN

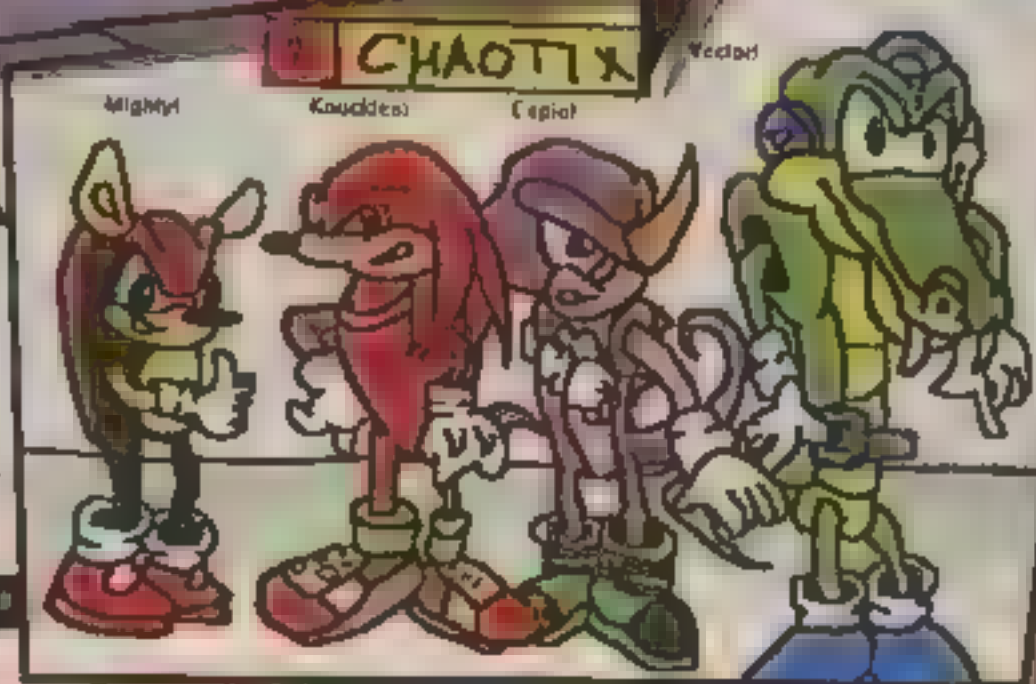


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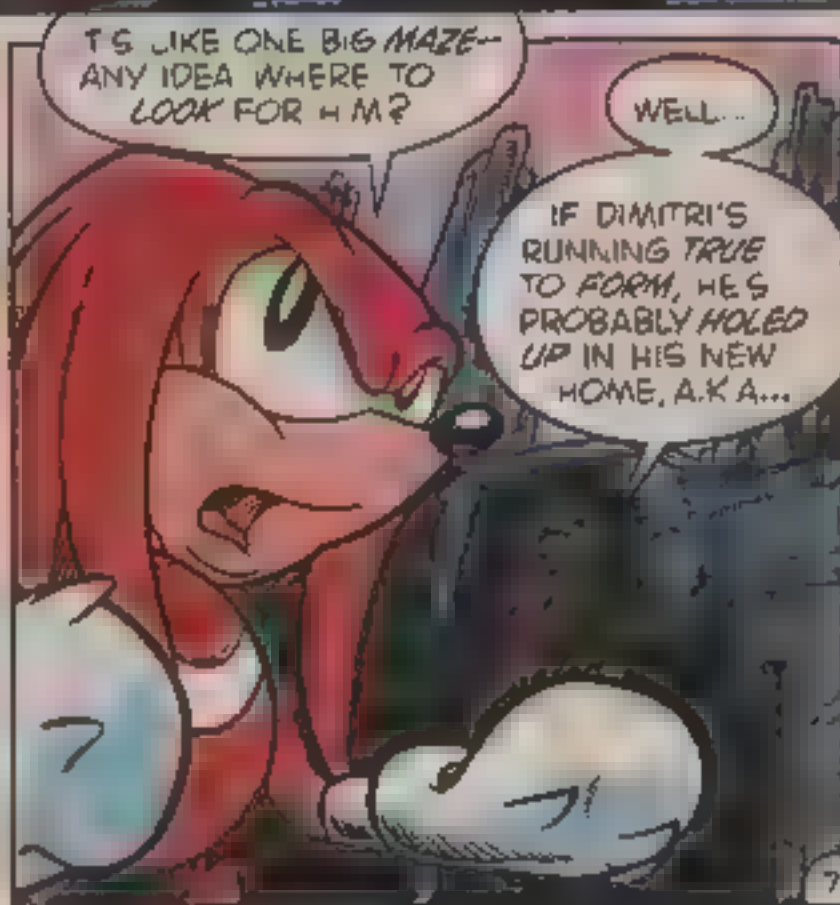
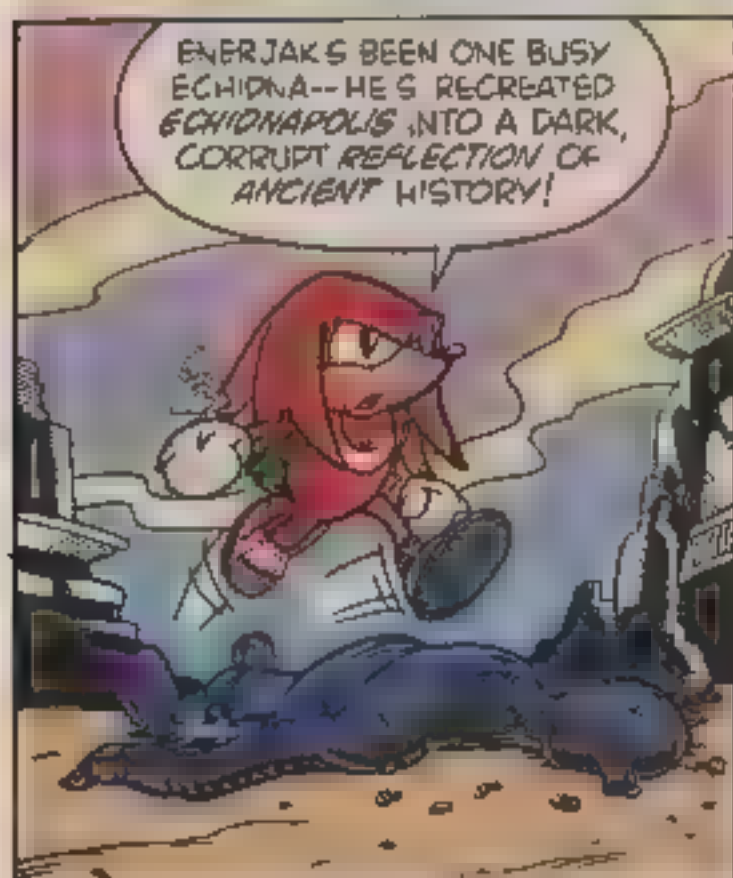
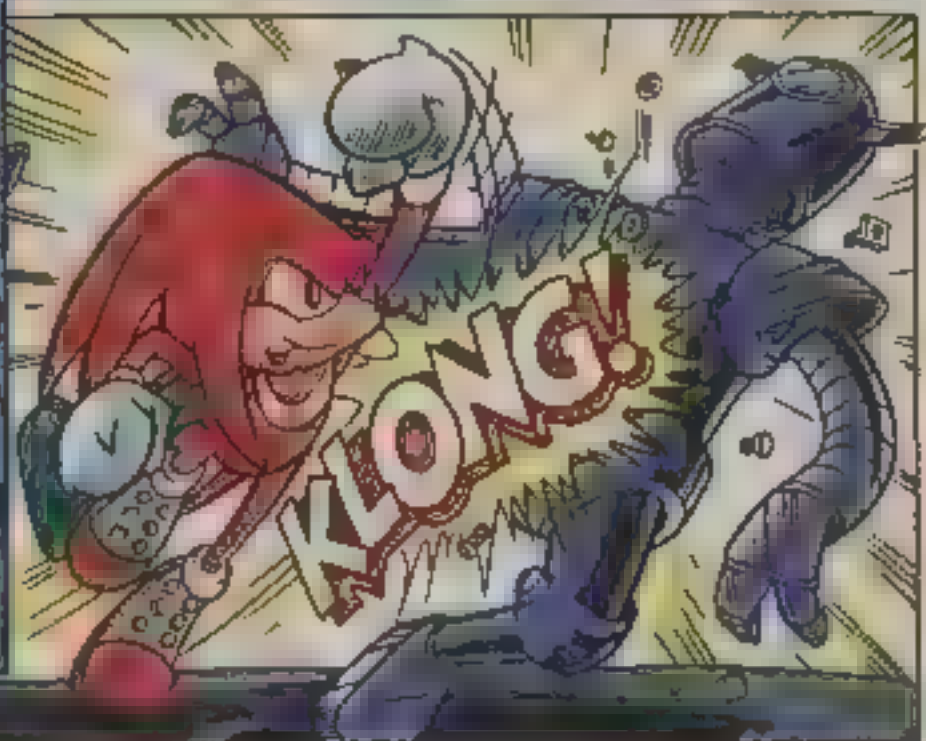
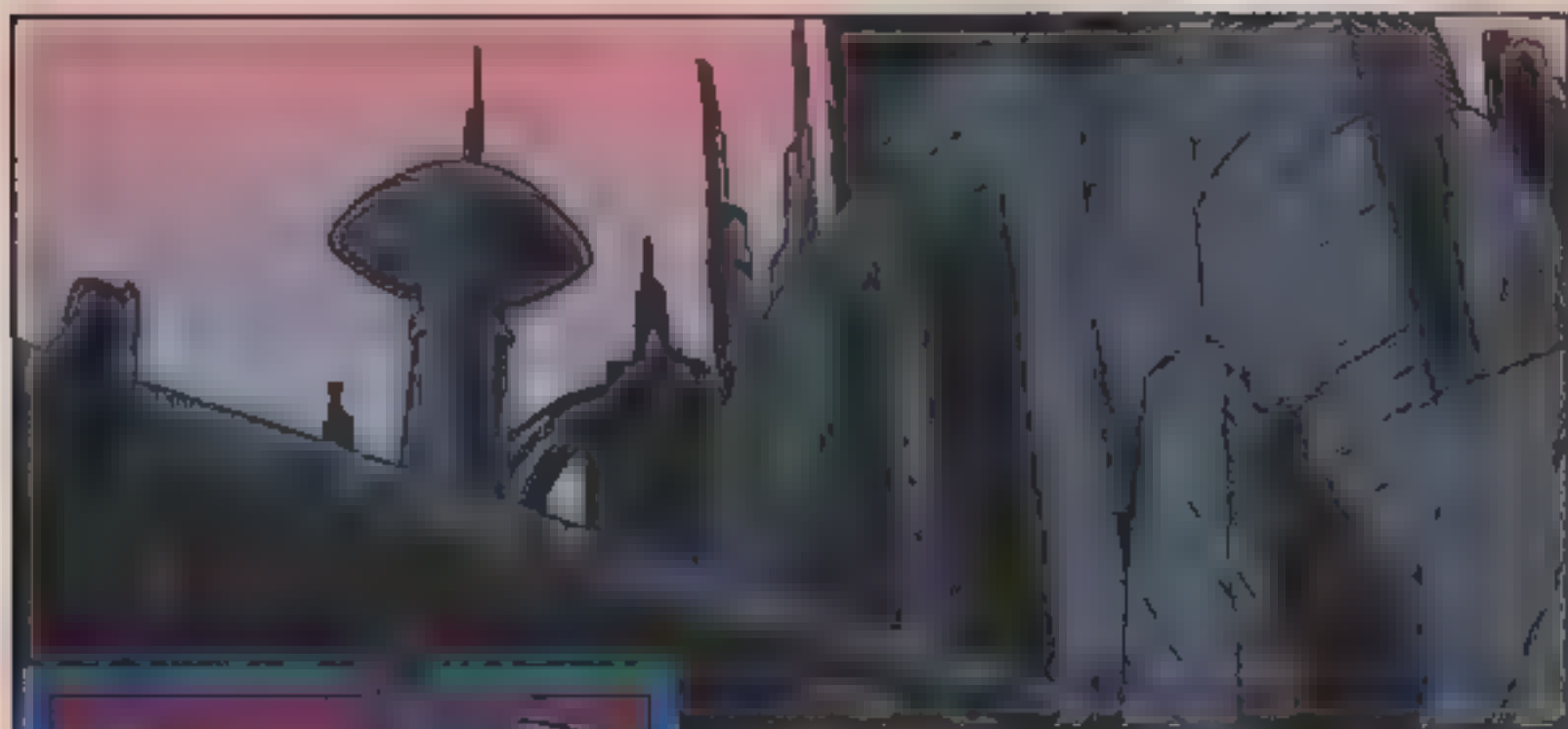


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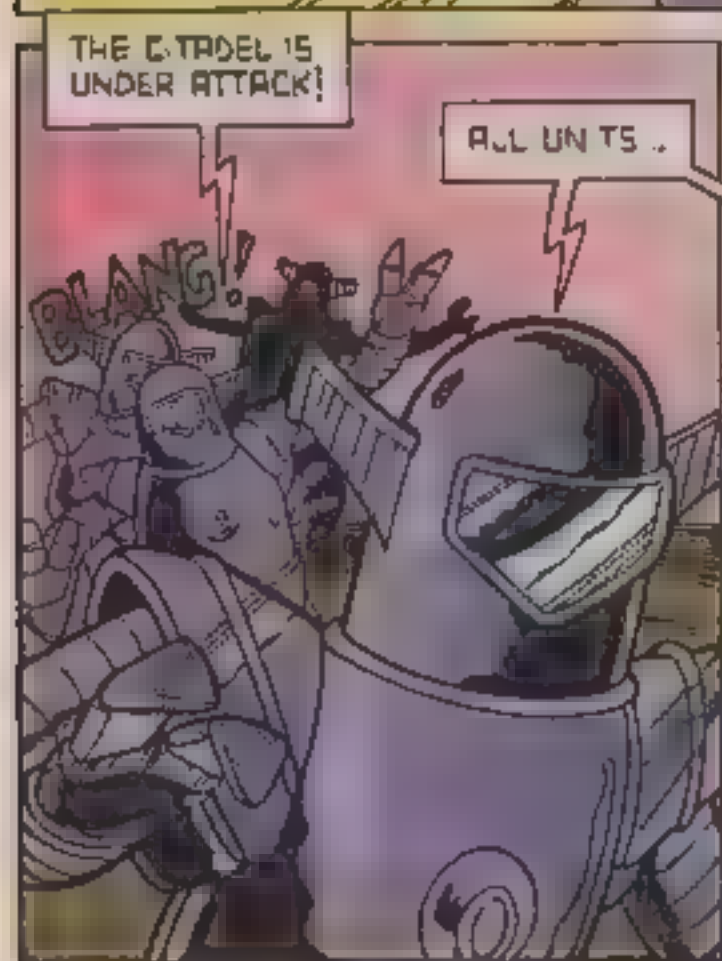
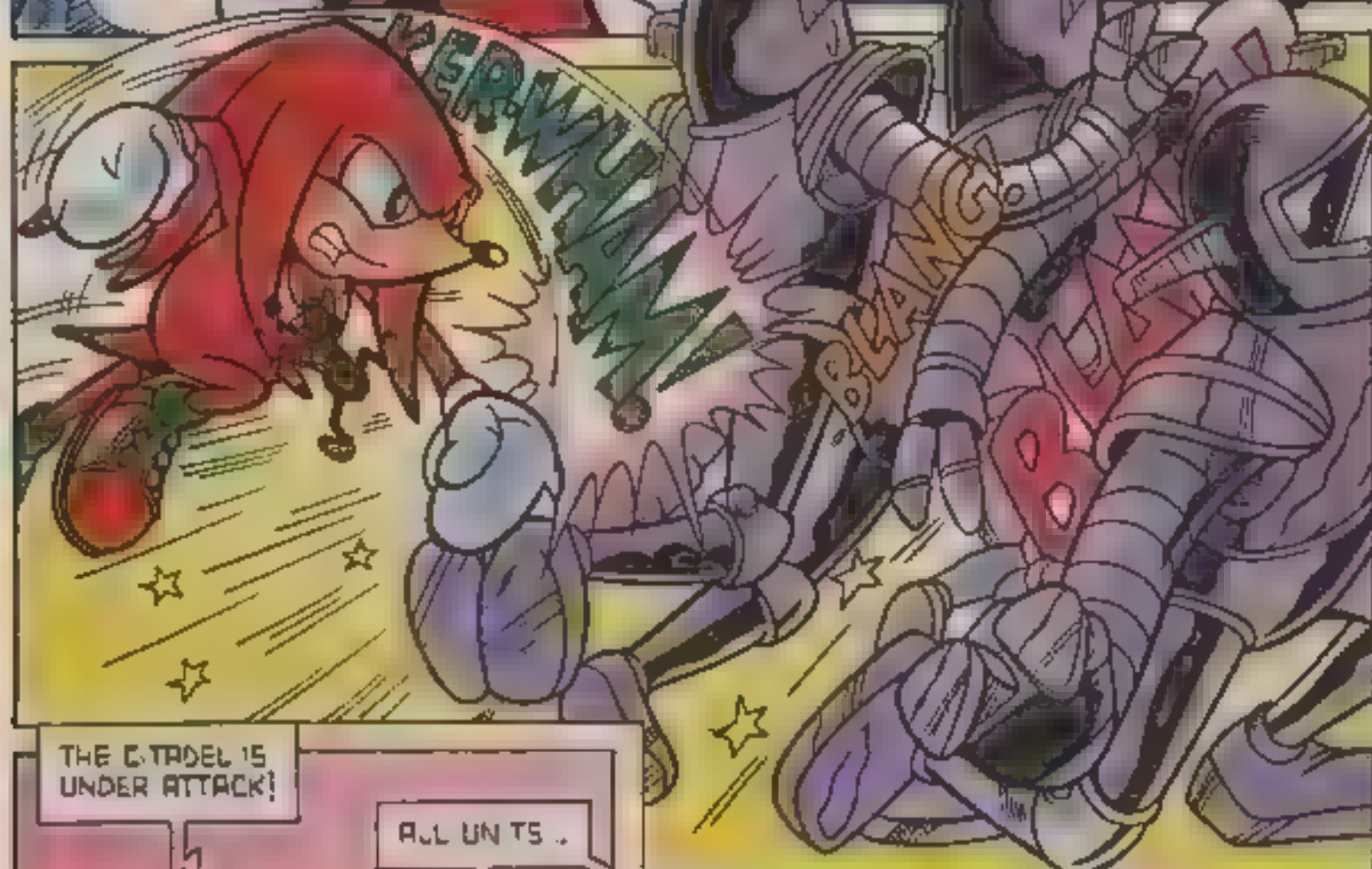


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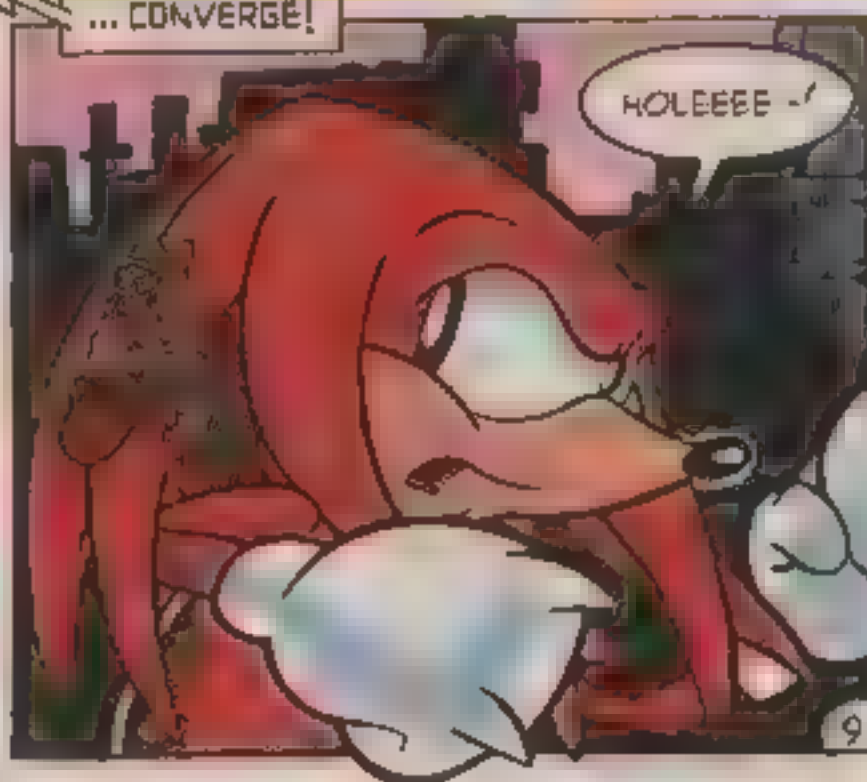


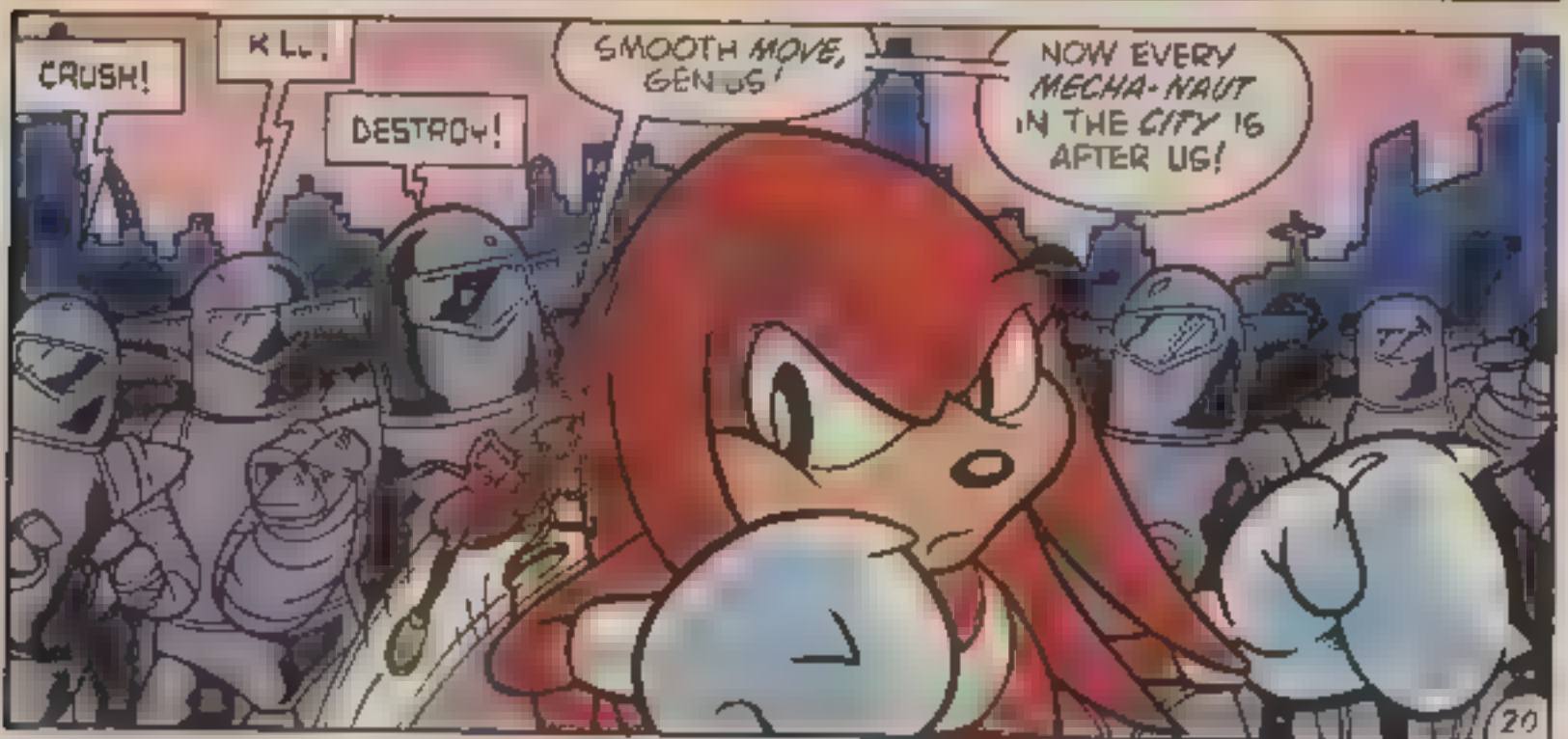
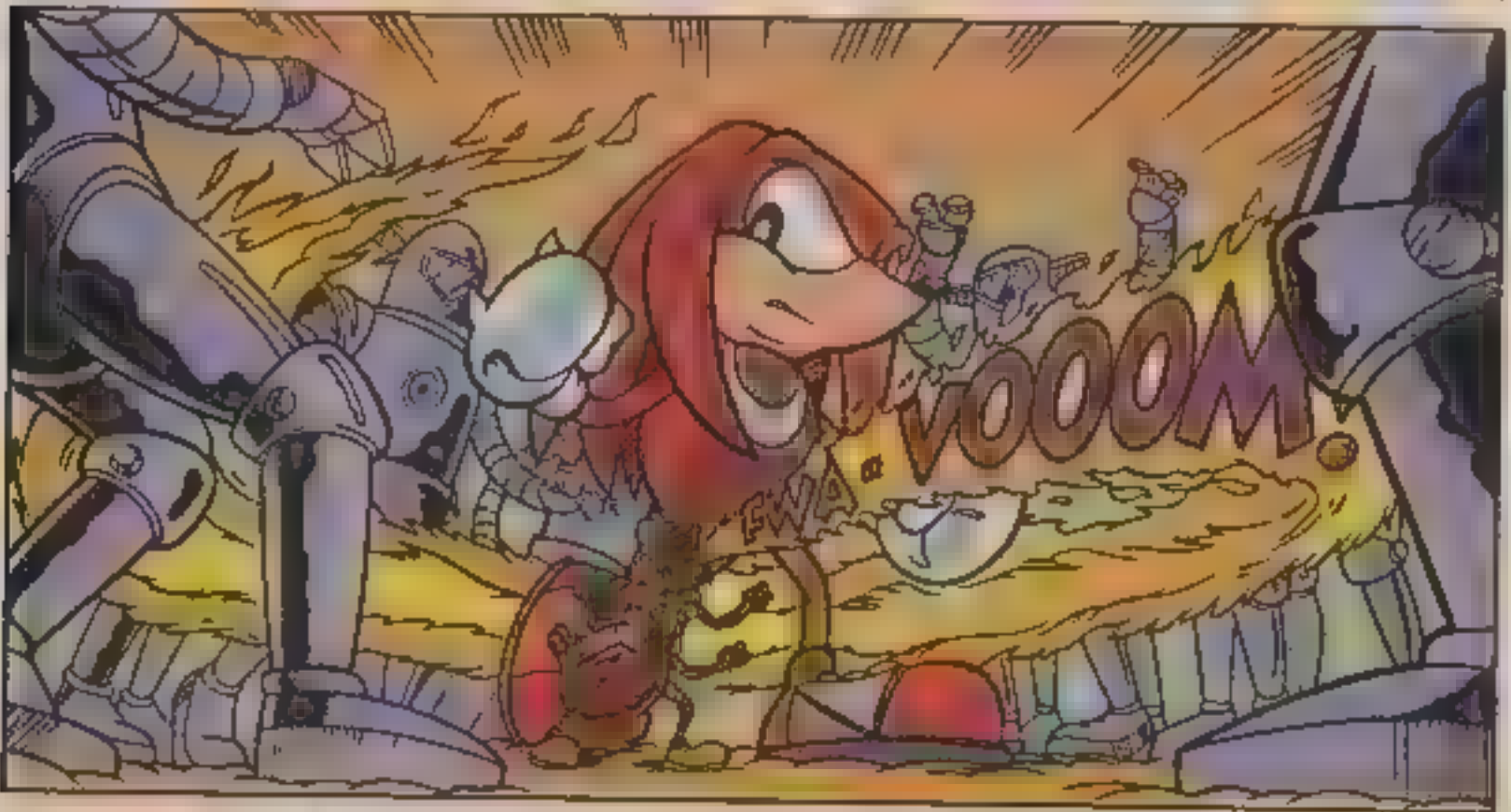
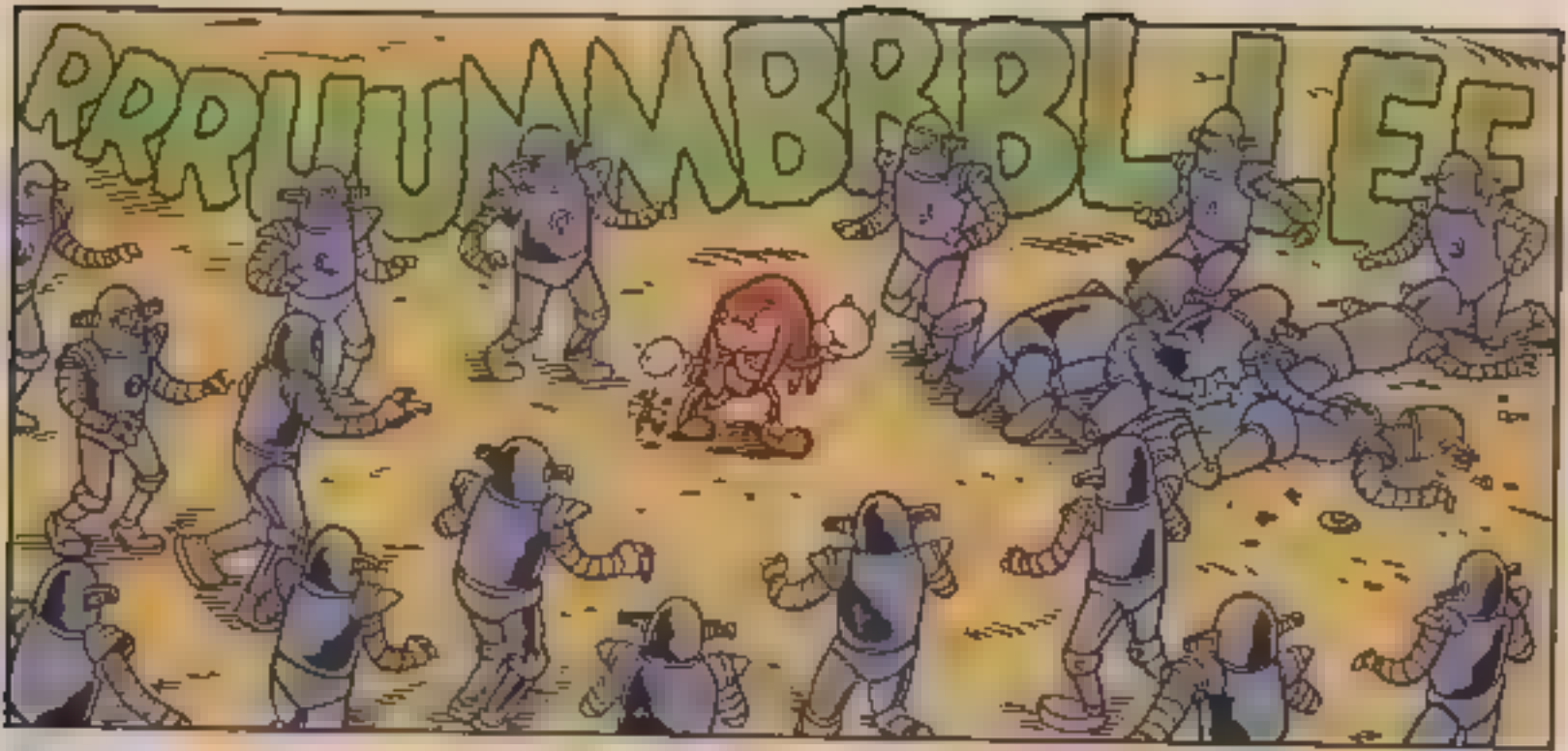
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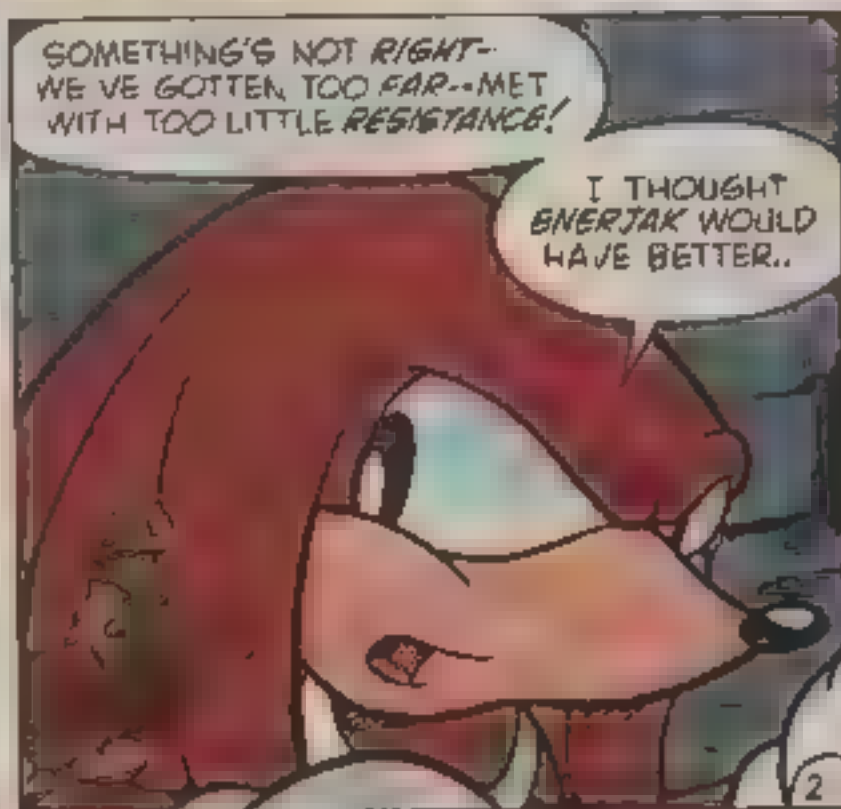
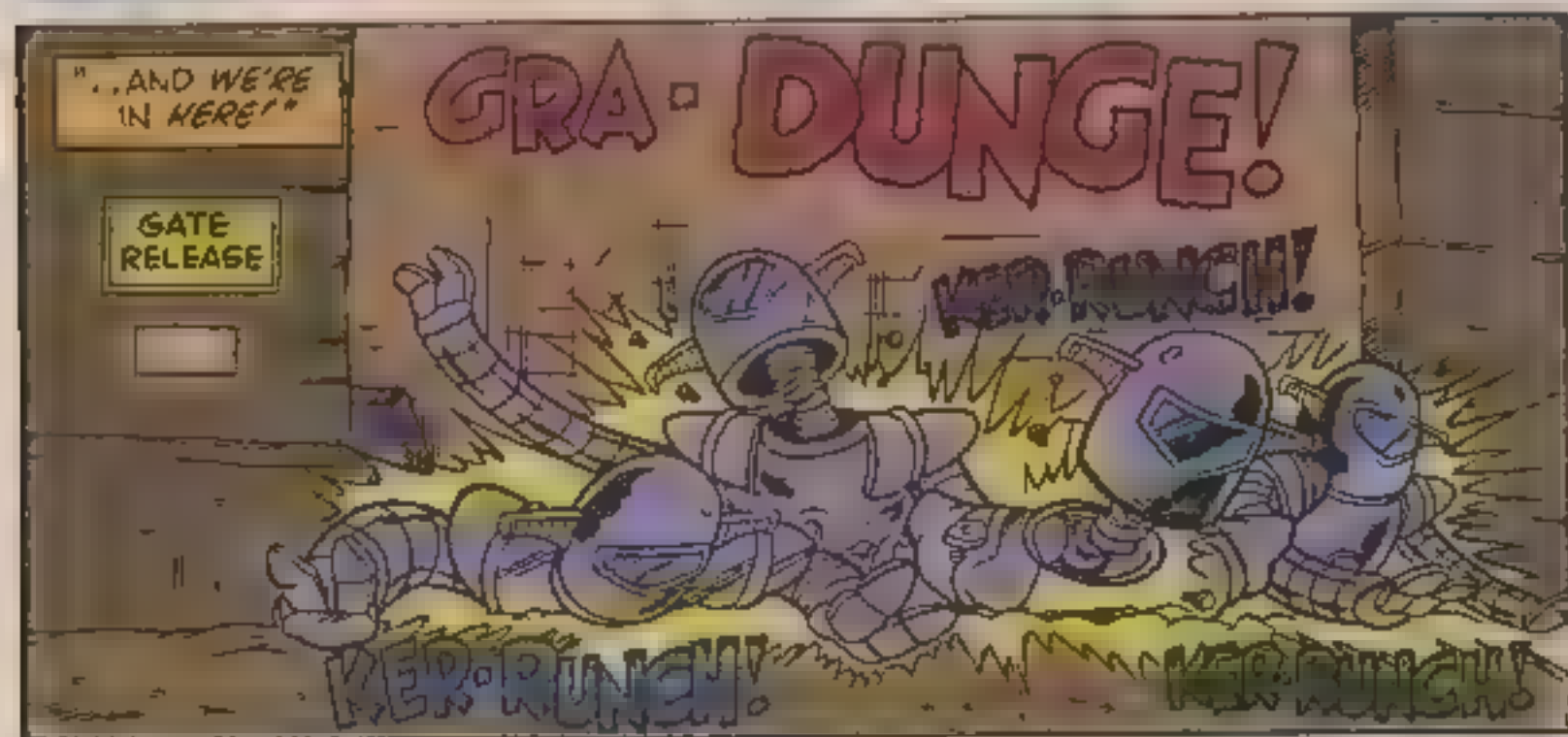
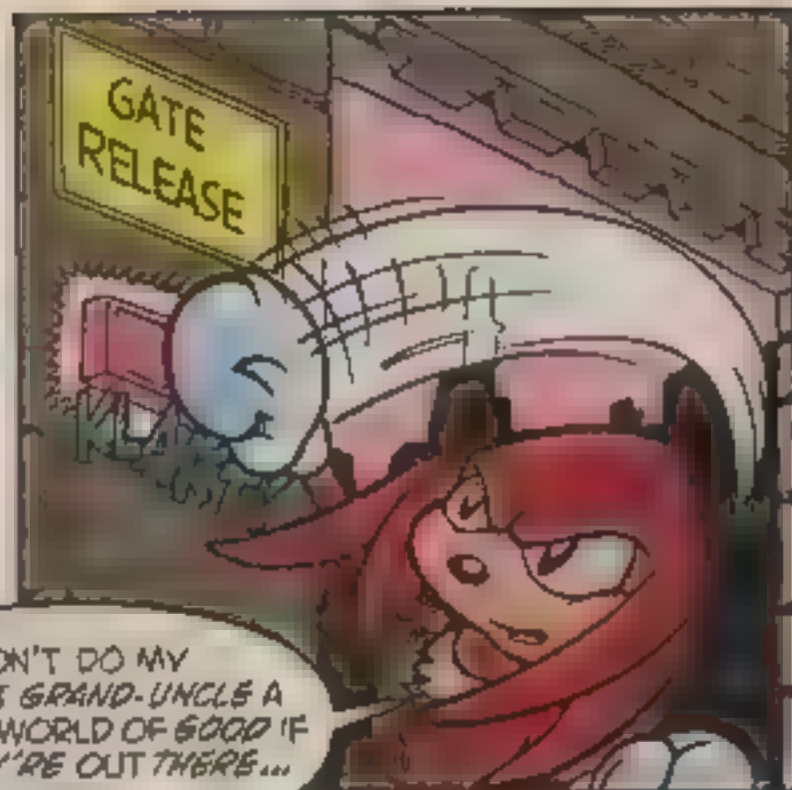
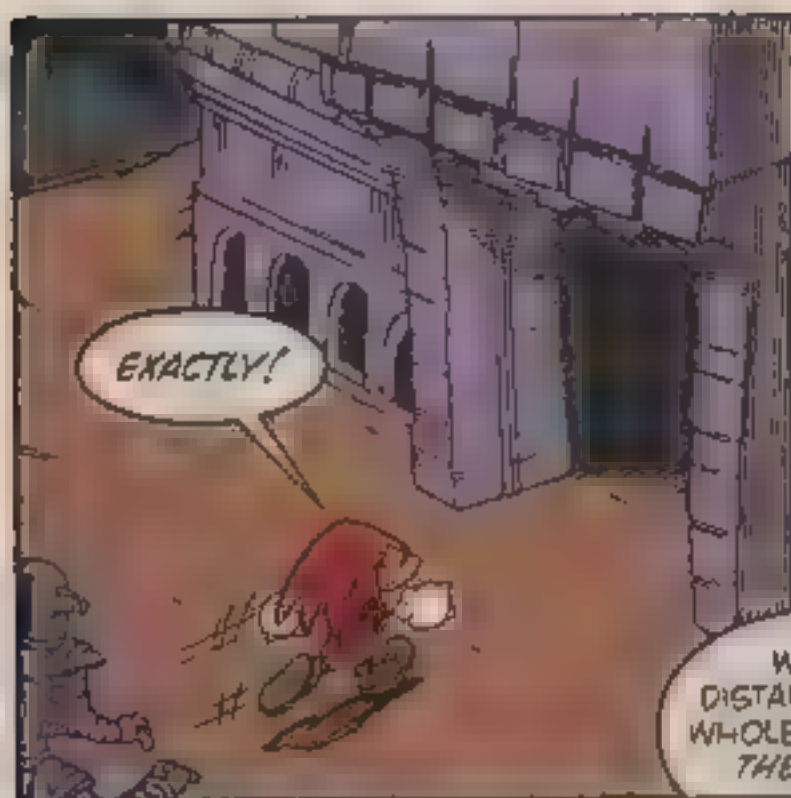


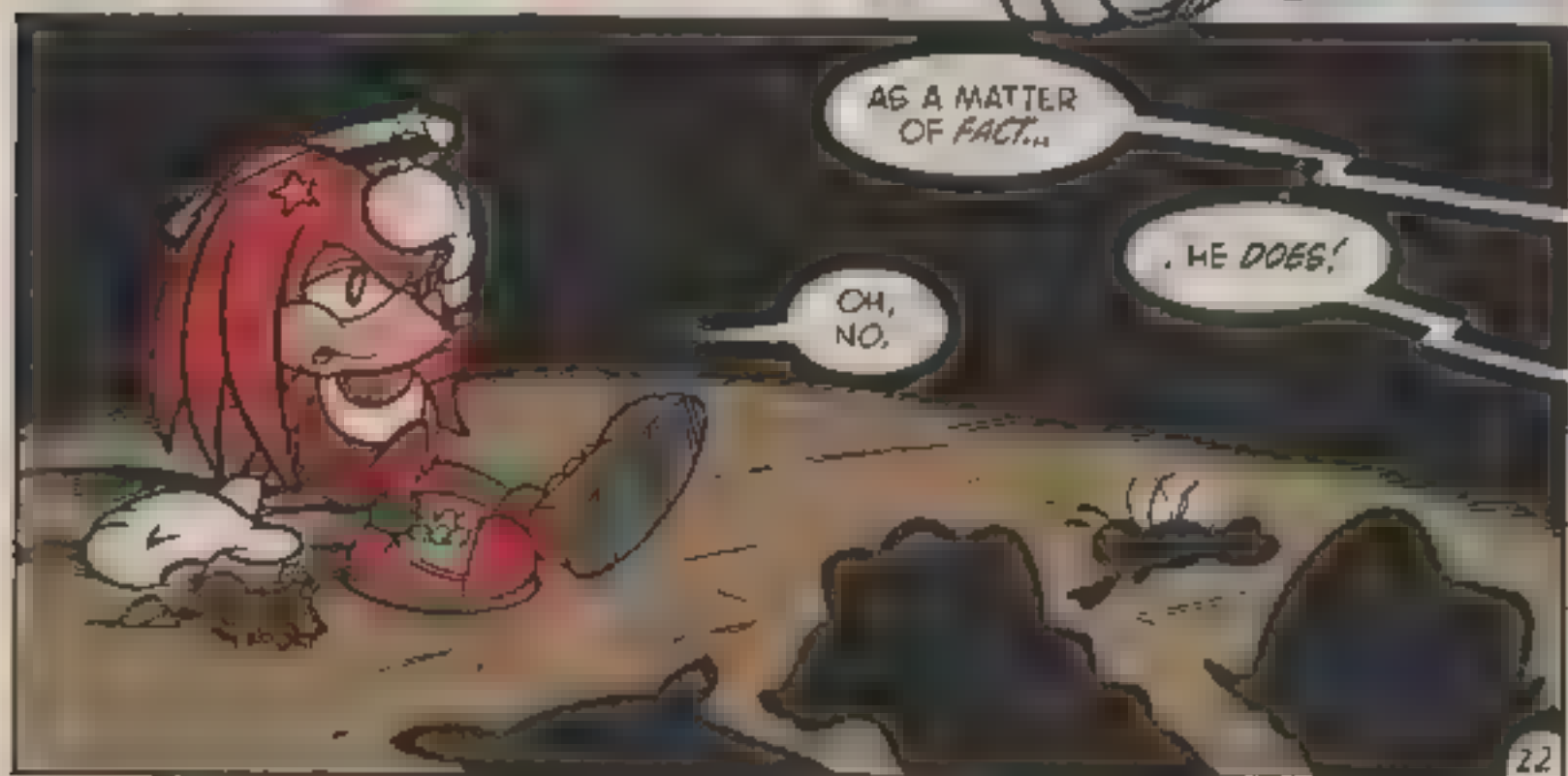
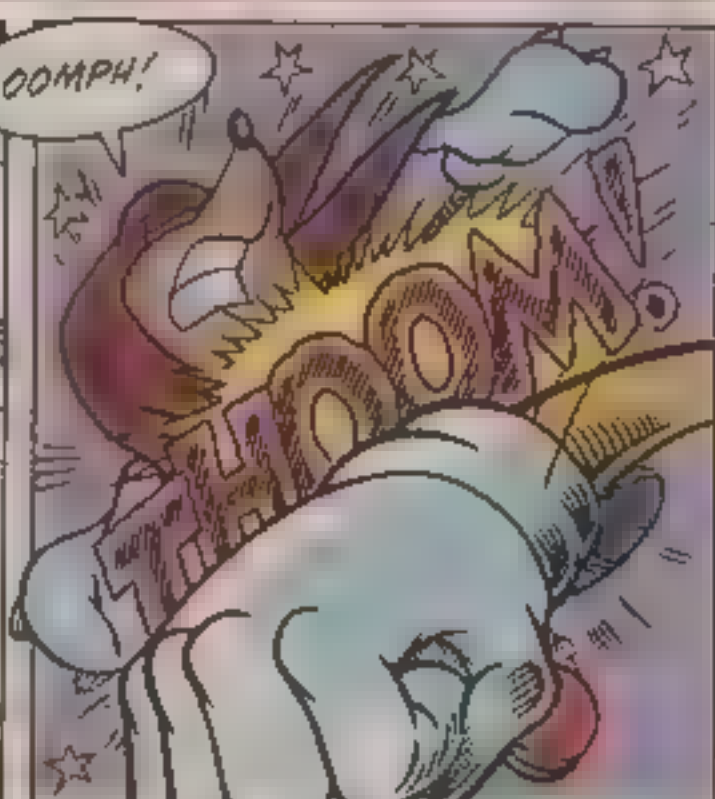
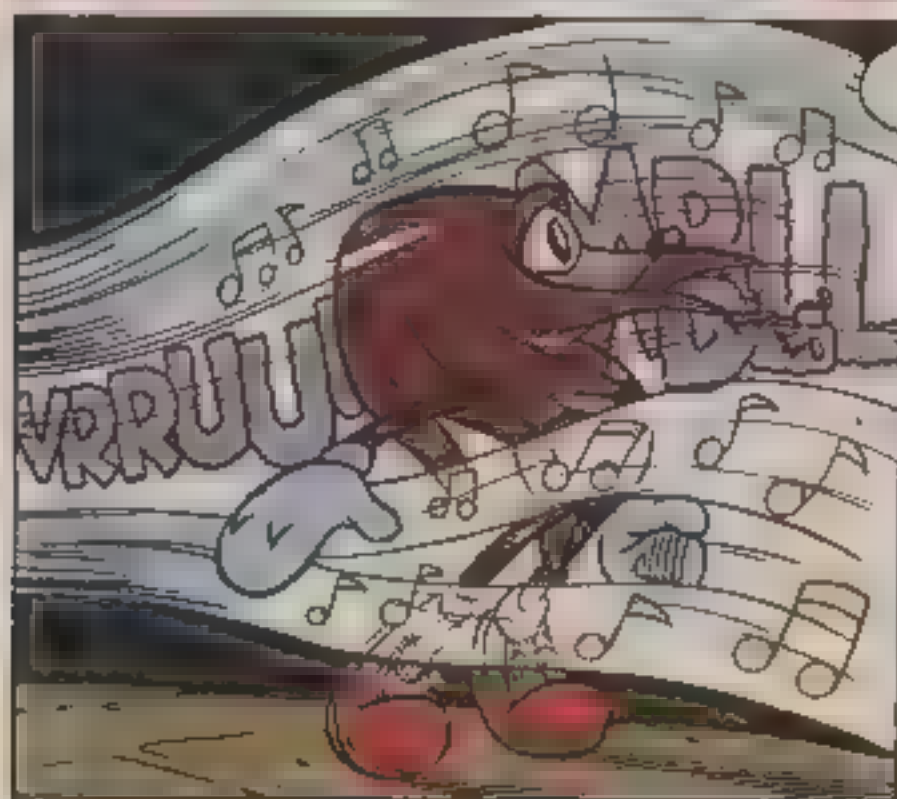
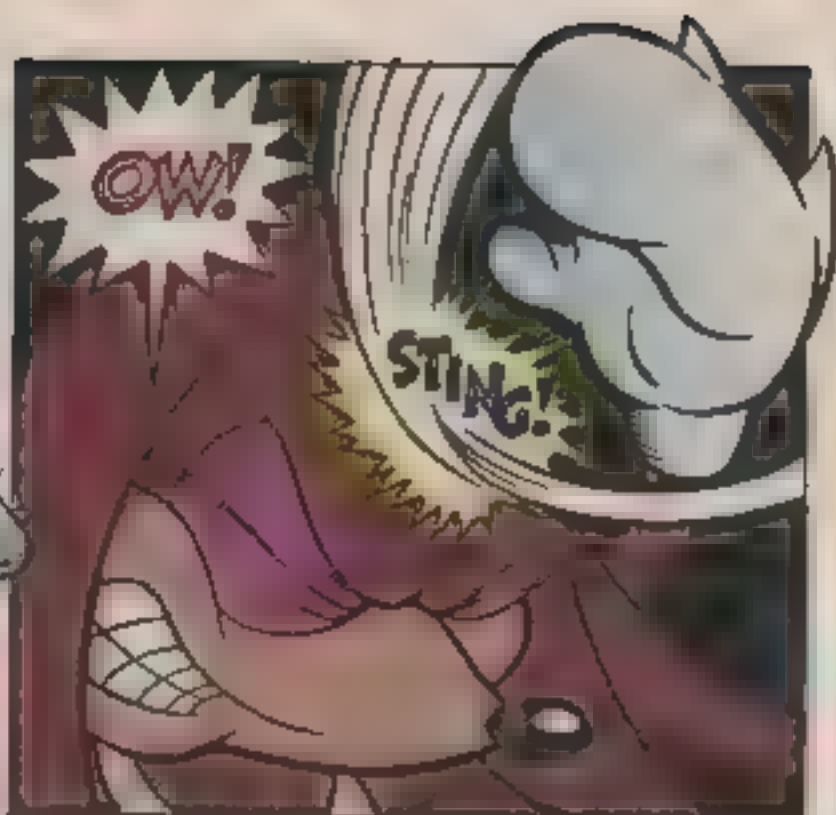
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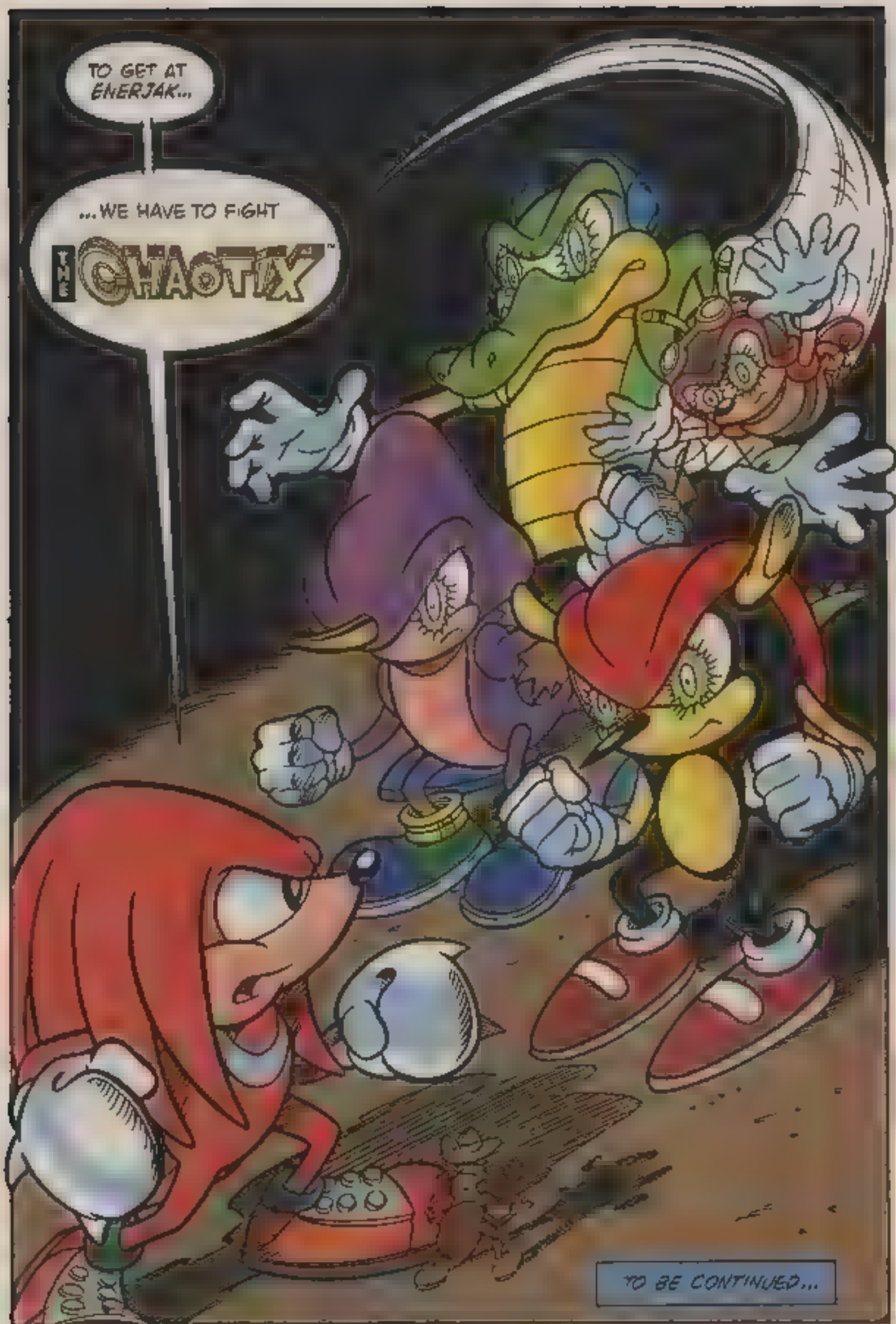




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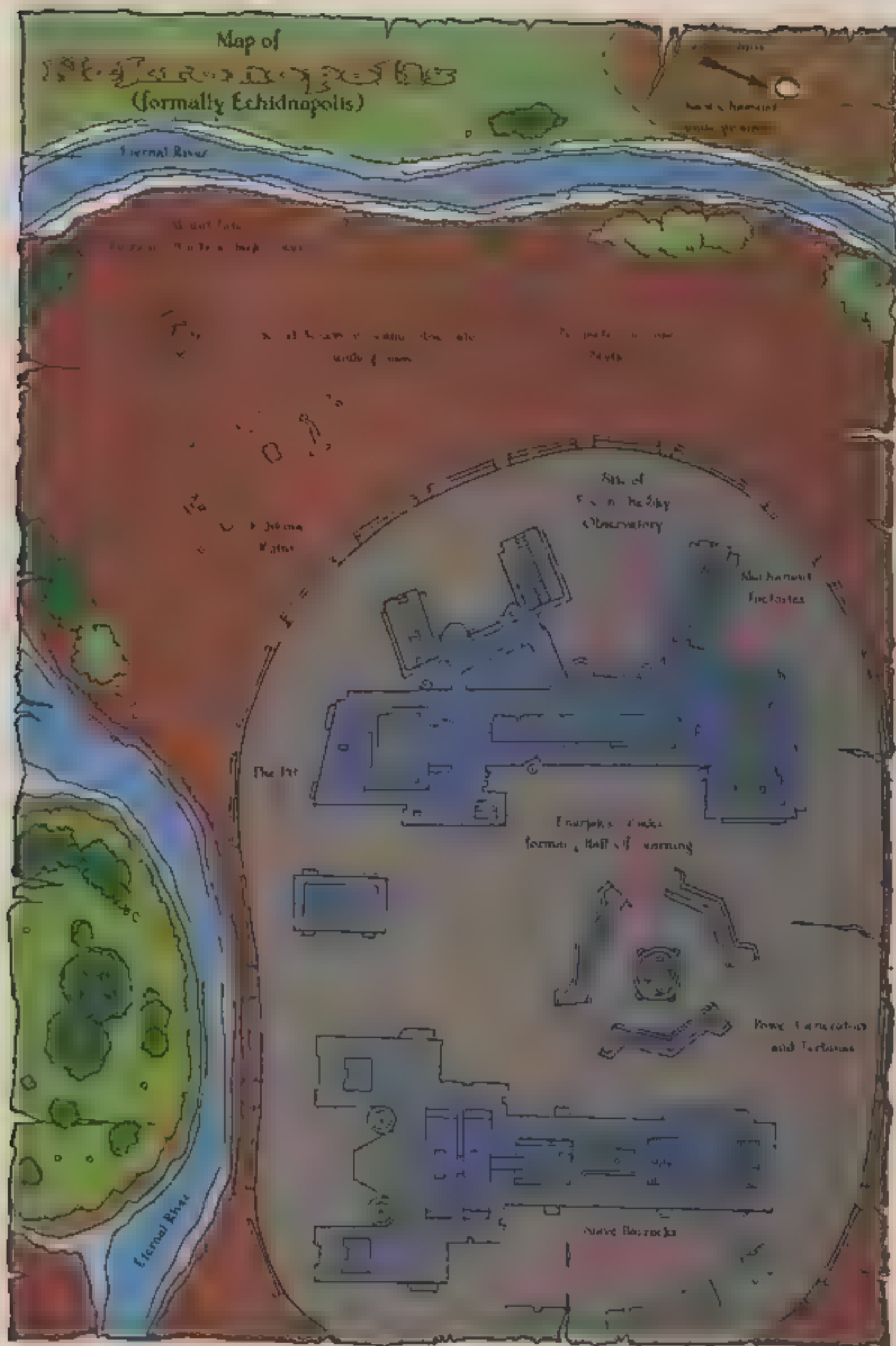
...WE HAVE TO FIGHT

THE **CHAOTIX**



TO BE CONTINUED...

Map of
Teotihuacan
(formerly Echidnapolis)



SONIC KNUCKLES SANDWICH

So why do we call it

"KNUCKLES SANDWICH" (BESIDES THE OBVIOUS REASON)? BECAUSE THIS MINI-SERIES IS PACKED WITH A LOT OF GOOD STUFF (HOLD THE MAYO)! THE SPARKS ARE GOING TO FLY NOW THAT THE ENERJAH-CONTROLLED CHAOTIX ARE ABOUT TO GIVE KNUCKLES AND ARCHIMEDES THEIR OWN VERSION OF A "KNUCKLE SANDWICH"! BESIDES THAT! MATCH-UP, YOU'LL ALSO SEE THE MAIN EVENT! IT'S "TOMINA VS. ECHIDNA" AS KNUCKLES AND ENERJAH HAVE A BATTLE ROYALE THAT WILL MAKE EVEN THE MOST SKILLED WRESTLER CRY! SO COME BACK NEXT MONTH FOR THE CONCLUSION OF KNUCKLES' "RITE OF PASSAGE"! BE THERE OR BE ROBOTNIK!

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P.P.S.: MECHA MADNESS IS COMING!!!

DEAR KNUCKLES,

I THINK YOU'RE THE BEST ECHIDNA ON THE FLOATING ISLAND. YOU'RE SMARTER AND FASTER THAN THAT DUMB AND SLOW HEDGEHOG SONIC. I ALWAYS PLAY YOU IN THE SONIC & KNUCKLES GAME. THE ONE TIME I USED SONIC, I ONLY GOT TO THE SANDOPOLIS ZONE WHEREAS WITH YOU I GET ALL THE WAY TO THE REEF ZONE. 1) WHO'D YOU GET THE COOL SHOES? I WANT A PAIR! 2) DO YOU LIKE CHILI-DOGS LIKE SONIC? 3) WHAT'S THE SONIC & KNUCKLES COMIC ABOUT?

WILL "THE KNUCKLES NUT" SCHAUMBURG
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THANKS FOR THE KUDOS, WILL. AS FAR AS SONIC GOES, I DON'T THINK HE'S BLOWN. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM EXCEPT THAT MY POPS GAVE IT TO ME. I'M AFRAID MY SHOES ARE ONE OF A KIND. YEAH, THEY ARE

KINDA COOL-LOOKING. 2) NO WAY, JOSE. 3) IN A HUTSHELL, ROBOTNIK TRIES TO CRASH MY ISLAND INTO KNOTHOLE. UN, ME AND SONIC THOUGHT THE OTHER WAS TO BLAME SO WE GOT INTO A, UH, MINOR SCUFFLE. IF YOU WANT TO CHECK IT OUT YOURSELF, YOU CAN ORDER IT THROUGH A COUPON IN THIS VERY ISSUE.

DEAR EDITORS,
I READ KNUCKLES CHAOTIX AND I THOUGHT IT WAS AWESOME. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! I THINK THEIR NAMES ARE WEIRD. MIGHTY, VECTOR, ESPIO AND CHARMY DON'T REALLY MAKE ME REMEMBER WHO'S WHO THAT EASILY. I LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE'S NAME BECAUSE IT MATCHES THEIR PERSONALITY. ALL AND ALL, THE NAMES ARE FINE, REALLY. IT CAN GROW ON ME. I'M A TRUE BLUE FAN TO THE END. TWO THUMBS UP FOR EVERYBODY. TEN THUMBS UP FOR THE FRONT COVER.

CANDICE WHITE
309 HIDDEN RIVER DR.
ADRIAN, MI 49221

HEY CANDICE, I DIDN'T GIVE THEM THEIR NAMES, REALLY. THE CHAOTIX, ON THE OTHER HAND, DON'T SEEM TO MIND. SPAZ THANKS YOU FOR YOUR TEN THUMBS. AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU'D BE A TRUE RED FAN. SEE YOU IN THIRTY DAYS.

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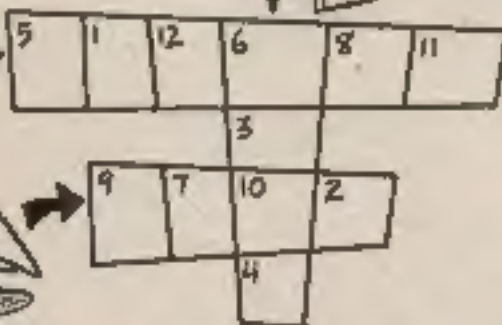
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